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Dismas Clark Foundation

903 COLE STREET

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November 24, 1964

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

It gives me great pleasure to write you this letter of thanks for the Dismas Clark Foundation. We are very grateful to you for your contribution.

Over eight hundred and fifty friends were present at the Dinner and enjoyed the entire program. I can tell you that this manifestation of generosity and friendship of so many prominent citizens of St. Louis gave us great hope about the Dismas Clark Foundation.

Our present goal is \$250,000.00 to perpetuate, by the Dismas Clark Foundation, the work that Father Clark started.

Since you were unable to be present, under separate cover, we are sending you a Memorial Program of the dinner. It is our hope that many of our friends will help us to reach the goal for the Foundation.

Sincerely yours,

Morris A. Shenker
President, Dismas Clark Foundation

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Int'l Brotherhood of Teamsters

Mr. Morris A. Shenker, President
Dismas Clark Foundation
903 Cole Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Deeply regret it will be impossible for me to attend the Memorial Dinner for Father Charles Dismas Clark. Have had a commitment since the postponement of a Labor Day dedication ceremony for one of our Local Unions in Houston which was rescheduled for this weekend. Greatly appreciate being selected to receive award for meritorious service and would like to suggest that Harold Gibbons receive the award

YRS. SINC. James R. Hollis

Send the above message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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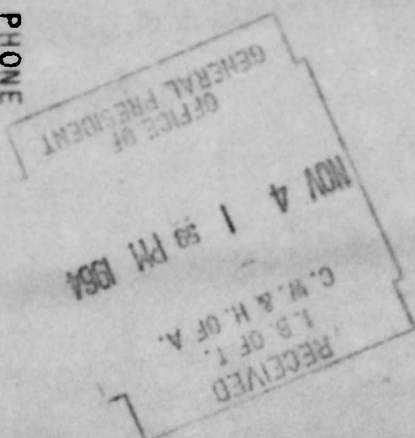
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November 2, 1964

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25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
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Dear Sir and Brother:

Enclosed is a piece of correspondence
received in this office for your attention
from Dismas House.

Fraternally yours,

C. P. Chuckray, Comptroller
CENTRAL CONFERENCE OF TEAMSTERS

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Father Dismas Clark, S.J.**

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October 29, 1964

Mr. James R. Hoffa
Central Conference of Teamsters
1600 So. Kinghighway
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Hoffa:

I am happy to inform you that our Board of Directors has
chosen you as one of the recipients of our Benefactor Award.

On November 8th, at the Khorassan Room of the Chase-Park
Plaza Hotel, we will have a Memorial Dinner for Father
Charles Dismas Clark. You are one of our many friends who
have generously supported us since the founding of Dismas
House.

It is with great pleasure that I invite you to be present
and receive this award for meritorious service to the
rehabilitation of ex-convicts.

Hoping to see you at the dinner, I am

Sincerely,

Morris A. Shenker
President, Dismas Clark Foundation

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Clark, Dismas Father

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Morris A. Shenker
co-founder and president

and the Advisory Board of Directors
of

Dismas Clark Foundation

request the honor of your presence at

The Memorial Dinner

to perpetuate the memory of

Father Dismas Clark

Sunday, the eighth of November

One thousand nine hundred and sixty-four

at six o'clock

Khorassan Room - Hotel Chase

Saint Louis, Missouri

R.T.P.

Dinner 6:30 P.M.

Donation \$50.00

LIFE

Priest to the Oppressed, he has devoted his life to salvaging the "men who have been ruined"... a passionate belief that "parole is the only thing that works" in reforming criminals

HARPER'S MAGAZINE—

Krasner

Most convicts head back to the familiar haunts... A no-nonsense Jesuit (Father Clark) in St. Louis is giving them a kind of break that could revolutionize the parole system

NEWSWEEK

Father Clark's middle name (Dismas) suits his special priestly field

PARADE—by

Father Clark runs the only employment agency in the world that finds jobs exclusively for ex-convicts. He says of "his boys"... "Not a single one has failed us. Not a single complaint from any employer. Only praise."

SERTOMAN

... a struggling crusader for human decency... has parlayed his hard bitten philosophy into a unique experiment in criminology

FAMILY WEEKLY—by Ray

Fired by a consuming compassion for criminals and a matching horror of crime... scores have been saved from prison by his intercession

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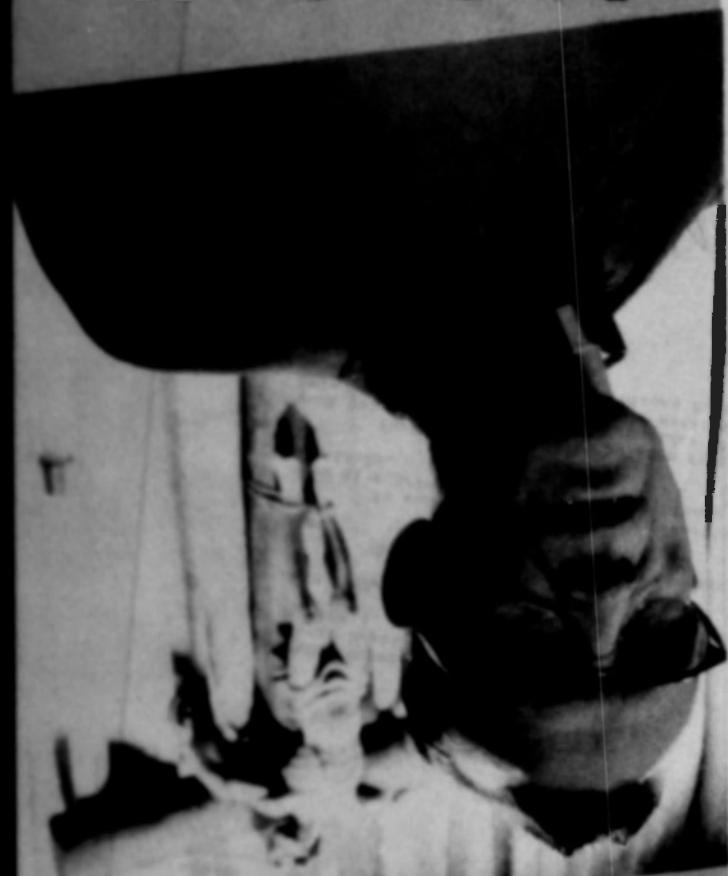
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St. Joseph's Shrine
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 OPEN HOUSE from 12 noon to 3 o'clock, DISMAS HOUSE



DISMAS DAY
 GOOD THIEF SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th

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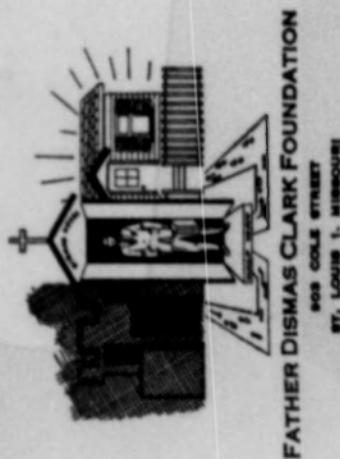


ST. DISMAS the Good Thief

His great act of courage and repentance is celebrated in many institutions throughout the world on the second Sunday of October, GOOD THIEF SUNDAY. ST. DISMAS is the patron saint of DISMAS HOUSE, our halfway home for ex-convicts. The corridor from the main entrance leads to his shrine.



Mr. Harold Gibbons
 Teamsters Union Bldg.
 1600 S. Kingshighway
 St. Louis 10, Mo.



Welcome to Dismas House

You are cordially invited to our celebration of Good Thief Sunday, October 14, 1962. It will begin with . . .

The Mass of the Good Thief at St. Joseph's Shrine, 11th and Biddle Streets, St. Louis, Mo. at eleven o'clock

Celebrant: His Excellency, Bishop David F. Hickey, S.J.

Sermon: Father Dismas Clark, S.J. followed by

Open House and refreshments at Dismas House, 903 Cole St. from twelve noon to three o'clock

Hostesses: Mrs. George Duncan Bauman, Mrs. Morris A. Shenker

There is ample parking space at both St. Joseph's Shrine and Dismas House which are within short walking distance of each other.

Guides will conduct guests through Dismas House to give those who can attend an opportunity to see what the generous friends of Dismas House have made possible. We hope you will come and bring your family and friends with you.

Our benefactors are widely scattered throughout the country. How happy we would be to welcome all of you! I realize that some are too far away to celebrate Dismas Day with us. This folder will give you a glimpse of Dismas House with its purpose and achievements briefly explained.

Be with us if you can. Remember the date: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14, 1962.

We ask all our friends to join with us in prayers to St. Dismas on this Sunday dedicated to him for the continued success of this work to help ex-convicts find their way to a useful, worthwhile life in the free world.

You will be pleased to know that plans for a second Dismas Home to be opened in Chicago, about which I wrote you some time ago, are going ahead successfully.

Our need for finances to build, maintain, and keep these houses in operation is very great. Please continue to help us when you can.

That God will bless you and all dear to you for your goodness to me and to the poor men who come to me for aid is my constant and grateful prayer for all the friends of Dismas House.

Father Dismas Clark, S.J.

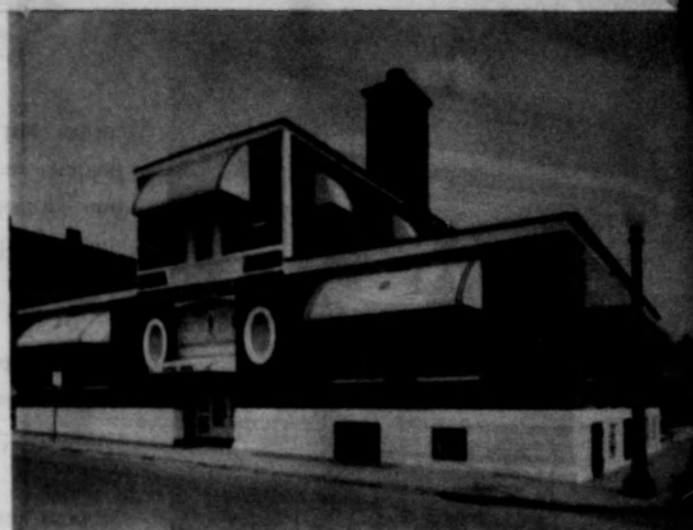
Please make checks payable to the Dismas Clark Foundation, which is a nonprofit, tax-exempt foundation. All contributions to Dismas House are tax-deductible.

The curtailment of prison costs . . .
 steadily increasing. The tax burden is tremendous. In most states it costs approximately \$2,000 a year to keep a man in prison; if paroled, the cost to the state would be less than \$130. It is easy to see the enormous saving of tax dollars afforded by a halfway home like Dismas House in addition to the value of its rehabilitation program to individuals and to society.

The protection of society . . . which is victimized by crime. Of the men released from prison on the completion of their sentence, and without any supervision of parole officers, almost seventy per cent return to prison for new crimes. Of convicts who are paroled less than twenty per cent return to prison. Why? Because to be paroled, a man must have a home, the promise of a job, and for many months, even years, he will be under the supervision of a parole officer who helps him make his own way.

The resourceless ex-convict . . . often times a man who has spent long years in prison, and who finds himself released without family, friends, or money, and with very dim prospects of earning any. If he is to be prevented from returning to a life of crime, he must have some place to go where he can get the help and the necessary treatment he needs to enable him to take his place in the community as a good citizen.

"After care" is important . . . for



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The First Thanksgiving at Dismas House



FATHER CLARK greets a newcomer to DISMAS HOUSE. More than a thousand helpless, destitute men, without regard to race or creed, have come through these doors to find

A Home Employment Guidance

during the difficult period "halfway" between prison and freedom.



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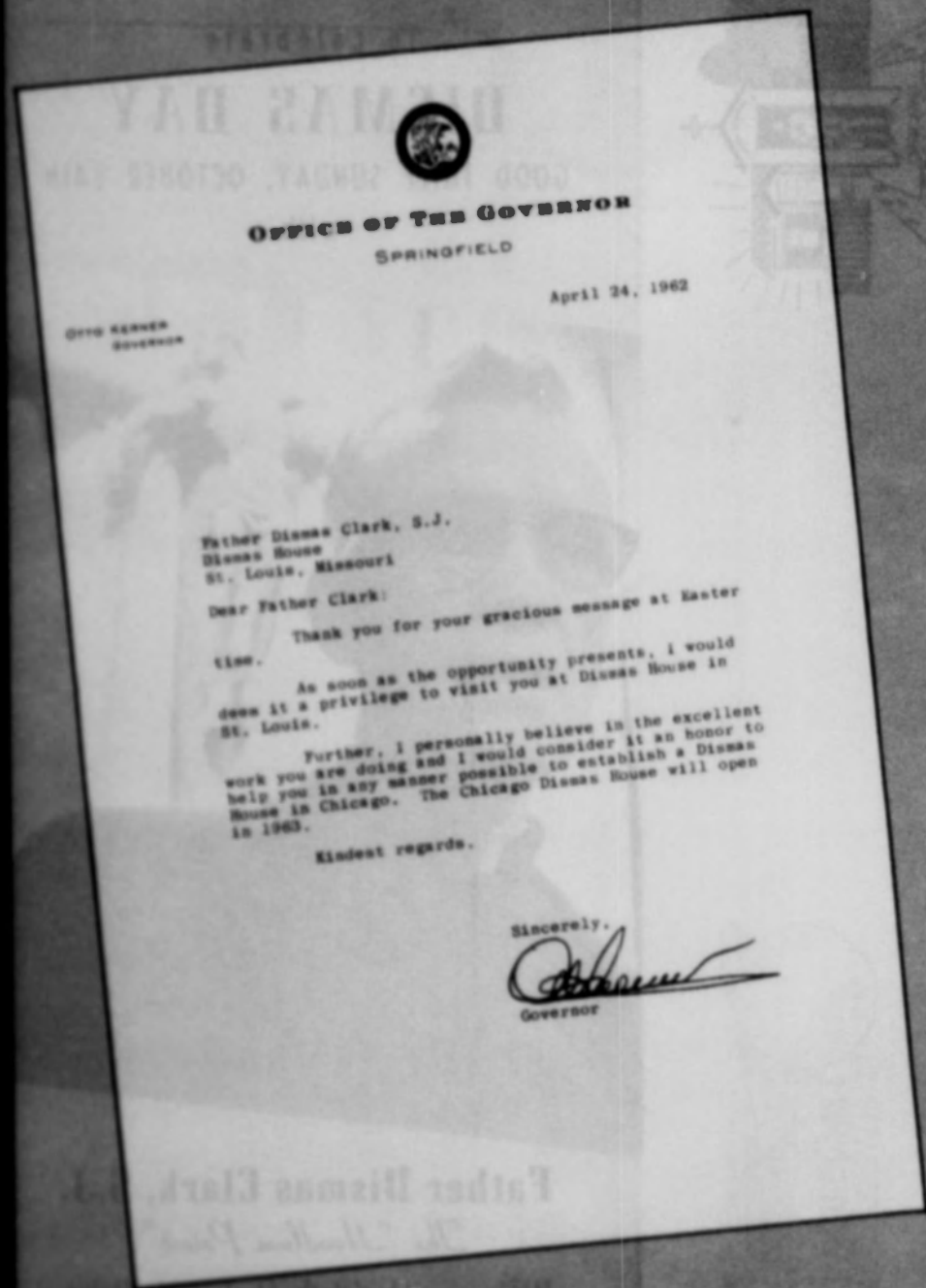


The rehabilitation program of Dismas House is successful . . . BECAUSE

FINANCES . . . were contributed by benefactors who co-operated generously with Mr. Morris A. Shenker, co-founder of Dismas House, to purchase the building and reconstruct it, and to furnish the money necessary for operating expenses. Others helped with gifts of food, clothing, equipment, and services.

EMPLOYMENT . . . was offered to our men by industries and businesses whose willingness to give a man another chance made the whole program possible. Our employment office has obtained more than two thousand jobs for residents of Dismas House and for other ex-convicts who had a home, but no job.

GUIDANCE and SUPERVISION . . . so necessary to the rehabilitation of an ex-convict, were made available by parole officers, doctors and psychiatrists, and trained counsellors whose aid so generously given has enabled our men to re-establish themselves successfully as good citizens in the free world.



Father James Jones, founder of Chicago's St. Leonard's House, points out that 80-Half-Way Houses are needed to rehabilitate the over 58,000 ex-convicts released annually in the Chicagoland area. Observing left to right are Daniel Ahern, Chairman Criminal Law, Chicago Bar Assn.; Rahbi Louis L. Mann, Chicago Sinai Congregation; Evangelist Dr. Billy Graham; George L. O'Hara, Chairman Parole Rehabilitation, Chicago Jaycees; Father Dismas Clark, "The Hoodlum Priest"; Leo Lerner, Board of Pardons and Parole; Dr. Preston Bradley, Peoples Church of Chicago.

Architects drawing of the Chicago Dismas House . . . Barry and Kay, the architects, and William Schnidt, structural engineer, have donated their services for the construction of this building. Donald Roolheiser of the Serenoma Club, the Jaycees, and other business and professional groups recently sponsored a successful fund-raising dinner for this new Dismas House to be located at 1184 Crouhy Avenue.



ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Clark, C. Dismas (Rev) CF

Sacred Heart Convent
Sisters of St. Joseph
Park, Kansas

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September 1, 1963

Dear Mr. Hoffa,

During the summer at our Marymount College, Salina, Kansas, I entered a class in Labor Problems. Of course, we read and studied much about our Labor Leaders and some of the reports made we wonder. One I asked one of our Sisters if she knew anything about Mr. Hoffa. She replied that she did not, but asked me to write to Father Clark for first-hand information. I did that and have before me Father's letter which contains only the highest praise of you and your work. I included that report in my final test and I feel confident that my grade was raised on the basis of that information.

When I read your name leading the list of pall bearers at the funeral of our beloved Father Clark, I felt that I would like to tell you of his help to me and of his praise of the work you are doing as a Labor Leader in our country today.

I am certain that we both can still call upon the help of Father Clark in our daily needs. May his dear soul now rest in peace.

Sincerely in Christ,

Sister Maura

Sister Maura, C.S.J.

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July 15, 1963

Larry Steinborg, President
Joint Council of Toledo Teamster Unions
International Teamsters Building
25 Loulalane Avenue
Washington, D. C.

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Clark, E. Dismas (Rev.)

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Dear Lorry:

I am praying and hoping that I can say the right thing. It was encouraging and heartening to have heard your voice within the last few minutes as you know my feelings toward you.

Lorry, you are busy and I will make this letter as short as I can. First, we are getting along unbelievably well except for a transient financial problem, of the two thousand men who have been through here, less than twenty have returned to prison for new crimes. Without Jimmy, yourself, Harold, and Pete the usual eighty percent would still be going back. Secondly, our predicament is this; I let a square man, on a voluntary basis, keep our books. He did not steal anything as far as I know, but he neglected to pay our bills. Morris borrowed the money and we got all of that settled. Thirdly, a man by the name of Lindberg, who owns the Lindberg Cadillac Company, always refuses to give anything directly to the Charity Benefit, which Harold and Pete stage every year. Pete told me we would probably get around \$10,000 this year. Isn't that wonderful, what in the name of God would I do without the Teamsters. Now this Mr. Lindberg gave me a check for \$1,359.00 with the proviso that I hand in an old Chevrolet, which we bought from one of his used car companies for \$343.00. I promised him I would use the \$1,359.00 to buy a Chevrolet Carry-All. He does not own the Weber Chevrolet Company, from which we are buying the Carry-All. The whole business would cost \$2,090.00 plus \$16.00 for the license, but we have to hand in the old Chevrolet. On account of the unpaid bills we would need \$747.00 to get the Carry-All. I wrote Mr. Lindberg and asked if we could keep the old Chevrolet until we got on our feet. He did not answer the letter, but we have not taken the car back, nor have I cashed his check, because I am afraid this used car lot would pick up the car, and then we would have nothing to go around and pick-up food and things like that.

Larry, this accountant also failed to pay our Withholding Taxes, and our Social Security Taxes, so that we now owe the Government approximately \$600.00. Larry if I could borrow this money until Harold and Pete make the distribution there would be a great burden lifted from my shoulders.

I am sure you can understand why I do not wish to go to Pete directly as I know bills and etc. have to be paid before distributions to the Charitable Foundations can be made.

I know that if you can do anything about this you will, and if you can not then I will understand.

Morris is suing the film people for \$500,000.00 and several Charitable Foundations have offered to help us, but the big question is when.

There is a thirty nine hour TV series ready to be made by NBC, but the film people want a \$1000.00 per week because they say they made it possible. What disappoints me so much is that we have never received a cent from the film people.

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903 DOLE STREET • ST. LOUIS

July 15, 1963

Larry Steinberg, President
Joint Council of Toledo Teamster Unions
International Teamsters Building
25 Louisiana Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Larry:

I am praying and hoping that I can say the right thing. It was encouraging and heartening to have heard your voice within the last few minutes as you know my feelings toward you.

Larry, you are busy and I will make this letter as short as I can. First, we are getting along unbelievably well except for a transient financial problem, of the two thousand men who have been through here, less than twenty have returned to prison for new crimes. Without Jimmy, yourself, Harold, and Pete the usual eighty percent would still be going back. Secondly, our predicament is this; I let a square man, on a voluntary basis, keep our books. He did not steal anything as far as I know, but he neglected to pay our bills. Morris borrowed the money and we got all of that settled. Thirdly, a man by the name of Lindberg, who owns the Lindberg Cadillac Company, always refuses to give anything directly to the Charity Benefit, which Harold and Pete stage every year. Pete told me we would probably get around \$10,000 this year. Isn't that wonderful, what in the name of God would I do without the Teamsters. Now this Mr. Lindberg gave me a check for \$1,359.00 with the proviso that I hand in an old Chevrolet, which we bought from one of his used car companies for \$343.00. I promised him I would use the \$1,359.00 to buy a Chevrolet Carry-All. He does not own the Weber Chevrolet Company, from which we are buying the Carry-All. The whole business would cost \$2,090.00 plus \$16.00 for the license, but we have to hand in the old Chevrolet. On account of the unpaid bills we would need \$747.00 to get the Carry-All. I wrote Mr. Lindberg and asked if we could keep the old Chevrolet until we got on our feet. He did not answer the letter, but we have not taken the car back, nor have I cashed his check, because I am afraid this used car lot would pick up the car, and then we would have nothing to go around and pick-up food and things like that.

Lerry, this accountant also failed to pay our Withholding Taxes, and our Social Security Taxes, so that we now owe the Government approximately \$600.00. Lerry if I could borrow this money until Harold and Pete make the distribution there would be a great burden lifted from my shoulders.

I am sure you can understand why I do not wish to go to Pete directly as I know bills and etc. have to be paid before distributions to the Charitable Foundations can be made.

I know that if you can do anything about this you will, and if you can not then I will understand.

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**FR. CHARLES CLARK
FUNERAL TO BE HELD**

The funeral of the Rev. Charles Dumas Clark S.J., the Honduran Priest, will be at 10 a.m. tomorrow at St. Joseph's Shrine, 1000 North and Biddle streets. Burial will be in the Jesuit cemetery at St. Stanislaus Seminary in Florissant.

A list of more than 100 honorary pallbearers includes judges and other public officials, lawyers, business men, labor leaders and law enforcement officers. Included are United States Senator Edward V. Long of Missouri, Mayor Raymond R. Tucker and James R. Hoffa, international president of the Teamsters Union.

Fr. Clark, 61 years old, died early Thursday at St. Mary's Hospital of a heart ailment. The body will be transferred today from the Donnelly undertaking establishment to Dismas House, 901 Cole street, which the priest established four years ago as a "half-way house" for men recently released from prison.

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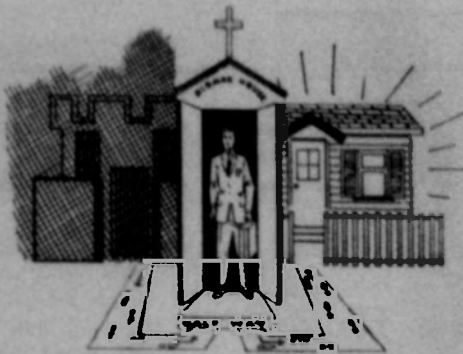
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October 4, 1962

Mr. James R. Hoffa
Teamsters International Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jimmy:

I am still in the hospital, but hope to leave tomorrow. There is nothing too wrong with me, so they say. Today your check for \$5,000 came to help us get started in Chicago. Of course, Jimmy, this was the best medicine in the world for me. I have been sitting here in my room thinking of all your goodness to us and resenting more and more deeply all the harassment which you have had to undergo. In my book, and I have said this publicly: Jimmy Hoffa is a saint. Bar no one, I know of no other person in this world who is as good and charitable as you are. Jimmy God will bless you for coming to the aid of these poor helpless men. They say there are 52,000 ex-convicts that come into Chicago every year. I am so anxious to get that place started to help these helpless men as best I can.

I would like to invite you to come to our open house on October 14 which is Dismas Day, but I know you have so many pressures on you that I shouldn't even bring it up.

Jimmy, you know those lockers in our dormitories are still just beautiful. People always ask about them, and I tell them the story of how I got them. There have been over 1,500 men live at Dismas House and you have made it possible by these lockers together with all the other things you have done to make them a little bit comfortable.

Jimmy, I am hoping that your daughter and your son-in-law will soon be making their home in St. Louis. I know if they do that you and Josephine will come here every time you can.

Please remember me to Josephine and to the children. May God bless and protect you, and believe me, you are always in my poor prayers. Please pray for us.

Your devoted and grateful friend,

Dismas Clark, S. J.
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For Ex-Convicts
A Halfway Home
On The Way Back To Life In The Free World

THE man released from prison when he has no home or means of livelihood, no money and no friends, faces a future bleak indeed. Behind him is the shattering experience of servitude in prison; before him life in the free world for which, after few or many years in one of our penal institutions, he is totally unfitted. Prisons, it must be remembered, do not reform men; prisons ruin men. A man in prison is degraded morally and weakened physically and mentally, so if an ex-convict is to make the transition from unnatural to normal living, if he is to be prevented from returning to a life of crime (about which he has learned so much from experts during his stay in one of our "schools of crime" which is what a prison really is), if he is to become a man again and a good and useful citizen, rather than a menace which his own destitution, and the neglect, indifference, and sometimes even downright hostility on the part of unthinking people, can force him to be—then he must have help. He must have a home, a job, friendly and competent guidance and supervision on his way back to the free world.

A Home

Dismas House provides him with a home. Here he is wanted and welcome. Here he has good, wholesome meals in a pleasant dining room, a comfortable bed in one of the large, airy, immaculate clean dormitories, lockers for the new clothes which we give him, shower rooms, a barber shop, a laundry, tailor shop and clothing store, recreation rooms with television, radio, and record players, billiard tables, a library well filled with good books and magazines where in a quiet atmosphere he can read and write letters, and a small non-denominational chapel with its beautiful carving of St. Dismas where he can pray.

Friends who visit Dismas House and have been conducted through the building by one of our men often tell me: the pride the men take in their home is very evident and very touching. And of course the sad truth is, it is the first real home many of them have ever had.

Men, without regard to race or religious affiliation, come to Dismas House from all parts

of the country. To be accepted by the Director of Dismas House they must have the recommendation of prison officials or parole boards.

A Job

Dismas House, through its employment agency, has been very successful in getting jobs for ex-convicts. Society is often reluctant to accept the ex-convict, yet employment he must have if he is to make his own way and restore his self-respect, two most important aspects of the whole process of rehabilitation. In St. Louis industry has co-operated with amazingly successful results. The men are carefully screened by our trained personnel director (the only man in our organization who is not an ex-convict) before they are referred to an employer. They have filled satisfactorily jobs of every type and variety—in skilled and unskilled labor, in the trades, in offices, and even in professional work.

Guidance

Dismas House offers a man just out of prison, more often than not confused and frightened by the outside world, time and opportunity to get his bearings. Counsel and advice are available to him. Small rooms are set aside for private conferences with me and with the Missouri Parole officers who, let me say in a passing tribute, have been more than generous with their time and their ability to help these men—with problems of personal adjustment, in family matters, in securing the job for which they are best suited—in all their progress to a good and useful life.

Medical, dental, and psychiatric treatment are given the men as this care is needed. The doctors give their services without fees.

Co-Founder

My experience in trying to help people in trouble with the law goes back some twenty years. In all this time I could always count on Morris A. Shenker, a devout Jew and a lawyer of national reputation, for encouragement and for practical help—for legal aid to the indigent offender, for financial assistance always so generously forthcoming, for his understanding of the problem, his search for a solution, his determination to do something to keep men from returning to prison on repeated

convictions. We were both convinced of the need of a halfway house and its services to cope with the problem.

Finances

When I told Mr. Shenker our hope of a Dismas House could be realized if we could obtain an old public school building now up for sale, he borrowed, in his own name, the necessary \$40,000 to buy the building and paid the interest on the loan. It cost almost as much as the purchase price to reconstruct the old school into a home. Mr. Shenker sponsored three successful fund-raising affairs including the Premiere of the motion picture, "The Hoodlum Priest" based on our experiences in this work. The financial returns from these affairs, plus the continued contributions from friends all over the country who were interested in seeing Dismas House a success have enabled us to pay our debts and keep the home in operation.

Dismas House receives no financial aid from Church or state. It is supported entirely by benefactors. Expenses are kept to a minimum. Much of our food, clothing, and day-to-day housekeeping needs are donated. The cleaning and ordinary maintenance is taken care of by the residents. Furniture and equipment has been either donated or sold to us at greatly reduced prices. The chapel and library were outright gifts.

Results

Since we welcomed our first guest two years ago over a thousand men have stayed at Dismas House; another six hundred or so who had their own homes have been placed in jobs by our employment agency. Of these more than 1,600 ex-convicts, only four or five have returned to prison and none for crimes of violence. It is encouraging to realize we have helped so many men, but they are few compared to the thousands who need our help in homes like Dismas House here in St. Louis.

The prison population is now at its highest. According to recent statistics from the Department of Justice there are over two hundred thousand men in federal and state penitentiaries. The doors of prisons open as well as close; open, in one of two ways, by parole or by completion of sentence. What will happen to these hundreds of thousands of men when they are released? Will we allow them to drift helplessly back into new crimes, or will we integrate them into society as good citizens?

Parole

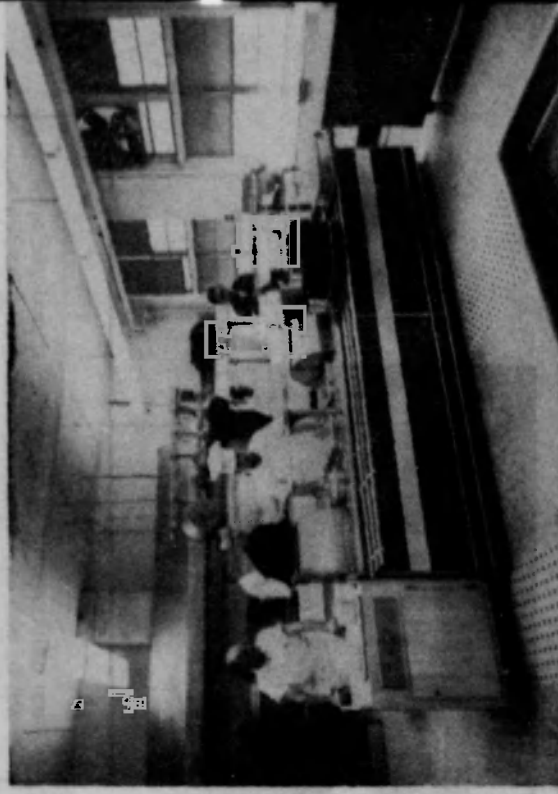
Statistics tell us what we should do: We should support an enlightened parole system. More prisoners should be paroled. Seventy-five percent of paroles are integrated successfully into society because to be paroled they must have a good conduct record while in prison, a home and job to go to on release, and the



A Dormitory



The Library



The Kitchen



**Morris A. Shenker and Father Dismas Clark, S.J.
Co-Founders of Dismas House**

guidance and supervision of experienced parole officers until they are able to take care of themselves. Dismas House is unique in that here men are paroled to both a home and a job.

Success or Failure

More prisoners who have served full sentences and who on release are resourceless, without any prospect of obtaining decent lodging or livelihood, must have the kind of help afforded them at Dismas House. Seventy percent of these prisoners, released after completing their sentences return to prison. Their percentage of failure is almost as high as the parolees' percentage of success.

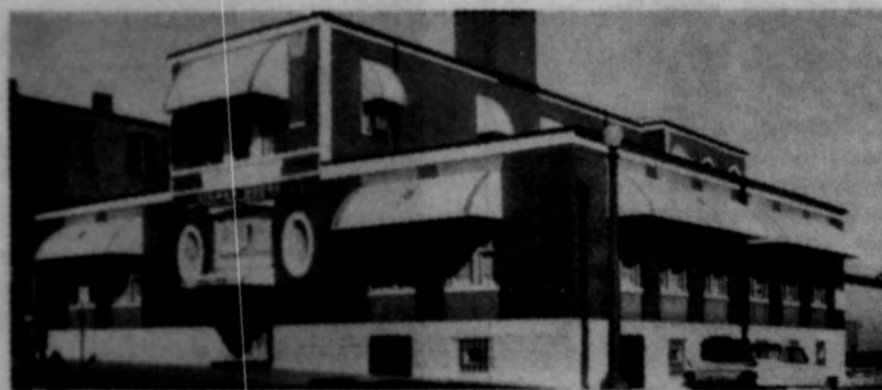
In the United States we spend 20 billion dollars annually on law enforcement—two billion more than we spend on education; four billion more than we spend on welfare. In Missouri the cost of maintaining a prisoner in the state penitentiary for one year amounts to approximately \$2,000. In some states the cost is higher. To maintain a parolee the cost to the state per year is only \$129.60. Furthermore the

parolee is working and producing, paying taxes rather than using them up, supporting his dependents who oftentimes must appeal for public aid while he is serving his prison sentence. This is only the dollars-and-cents record. It is not possible to estimate the cost of our outmoded correctional system in terms of human suffering and ruin.

Success at Dismas House

Here at Dismas House we have the pilot project, a proved success. Tentative plans are underway to open houses in New York, Chicago, and other large cities as financial aid is made available. Your contribution, large or small, whatever you can afford, is urgently needed. Join in partnership with us to expand this work. It is a reward in itself to realize we have helped to keep even one man free, sharing in the good life of our country as a citizen worthy of his human dignity.

The Father Dismas Clark Foundation is non-profit and tax-exempt. Please make checks payable to the Dismas Clark Foundation.



Dismas House, 903 Cole St., St. Louis 1, Mo.

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Clark, C. Dismas (Rev.)

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July 11, 1962

Father Dismas Clark, S. J.
Dismas Half-Way House
903 Cole Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Father Clark:

Thank you for your letter of July 9,
1962, expressing your appreciation for our recent con-
tribution to Dismas House of \$8,000.00.

The person whom I mentioned as being
a strong supporter of yours in Chicago and who has expressed
willingness to help you is the head of Local 743, Don Peters,
(220 Ashland Blvd., Chicago 7, Ill., HA. 1-5520). I am
sure if you will write Don or phone him, he will be happy
to help any way he can.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant
to the General President

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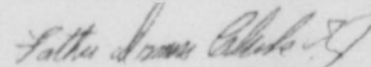
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cc: Hon. Harold Gibbons
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1641 South Kingshighway
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5 July 1962

Larry Steinberg Birthday Committee
435 South Hanley
Toledo 9, Ohio

Happy Birthday Larry:

I wonder if there is anyone outside of your family who could feel this greeting more deeply than myself. Your kindness, sympathy, and understanding of my project and a very controversial person like myself will never be forgotten. If it were not for the Teensters this project whereby the helpless are helped could not have come into being. If it were not for men like Jimmy Hoffa, Harold Gibbons, James English and last but not least Larry Steinberg, it would never have gotten off the planning boards and men who have made good would still be languishing in our penitentiaries. What a consolation it has been to me when the chips were down, I could always appeal to Jimmy Hoffa, James English, Pete Saffall, or yourself.

There are still some people who would like to see me dead. But yourself and Jimmy, Pete, and Harold would not be dancing in the street when I die. Thank you Larry for so many favors, for so much kindness and goodness and may your birthdays never end.

Larry, this may sound like sort of a commercial, but when people ask me where are you going to begin next, I tell them wherever the Teensters are the strongest. I am sure that when you come to the end of your life you will not be sorry. You have been kind and generous to a person like myself, contrivercial and condemned.

Again I wish you a very happy and blessed birthday.

Your devoted and grateful friend:

Father James Clerk, S.J.

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Mr. Harold Gibbons
Executive Assistant
to the Vice-President
25 Louisiana Avenue
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Harold:

I have been away a great deal and just now am catching up on my correspondence. Thank you so much about sending me the note about Don Peters in Chicago. I have already written to him and I'm anxiously awaiting a reply.

Harold, I also took the privilege of writing to Jimmy Durante and inviting him to come down to Dismas House if he possibly get to St. Louis. Somebody told me that Jimmy Hoffa is coming. It would surely be wonderful to see him.

I will see you Saturday night, God willing, and I hope that this affair will be the most successful of all. Thank you, Harold. God bless and keep you always.

Gratefully,

Father Clark
Dismas Clark, S.J.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Clark, C. Dismas (Rev.)

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March 5, 1962

Father Dismas Clark
Dismas House
9th & Cole Street
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Father Clark:

On a recent visit to Chicago, Don Peters, President of Local 743, 220 S. Ashland Blvd., Chicago, Ill., had some ideas to help raise money for your new Chicago Halfway House. I would suggest that you get in touch with Don Peters and see if his ideas are worthwhile and whether or not you want to take advantage of them. I told him I would talk to you about his program.

I have invited Jimmy Durante to be in St. Louis for our affair on the 24th. Incidentally, Jimmy's address is 511 N. Beverly Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif., in case you want to contact him before March 24th.

Very truly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant
to the Vice-President

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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Clark, C. D. (Rec.)

X Martin, Carl

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February 7, 1962

Carl Martin #14950
Box 1059
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Dear Friend:

Your previous letter to Harold Gibbons was referred to me with the hope that I might be able to offer something definite in the way of employment prospects. Unfortunately, I have no job contacts in either New Mexico or Arizona but from experience know there are two areas of potential employment that are the "best bets" in trying to get a job. I am, therefore, giving these to you in this letter so that you can begin writing letters to the same.

In this respect, may I advise you not to make the same mistake so many others do....namely, pass out the info to others needing similar help. Remember, these are long-shots which have paid off in the past but they can be 'burnt out' quickly by too many applicants.

Finally, I would appreciate your advising me which of the group replied to your letters and which made some definite offer or some suggestion where a job might be obtained. All of this information will be helpful for future Disease Houses, too.

In order not to confuse matters, I am including the various prospects on a special page which will be attached hereto.

May God bless you always.

Sincerely,

Father Clark 27

cc: Harold J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant
International Brotherhood of Teachers
25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Disease Clark, S.J.

Mr. William B. Parrott
Regional Manager
Goodwill Industries
1119 Edith Street, S.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Mr. A. Leonard Krehl
Regional Manager
Goodwill Industries
417 North 16th Street
Phoenix, Arizona

Goodwill Industries will hire convicts or ex-convicts on the basis of the fact that they are 'socially handicapped' persons.

To all the Catholic Hospitals below the letter should be addressed to 'Mother Superior' and I have found that hospital nuns are more prone to give the convict a chance than any other single group of religious.

St. Joseph's Hospital
Box 162
Mogales, Arizona

St. Anthony's Hospital
Las Vegas
New Mexico

St. Mary's Hospital
W. St. Mary's Road
Tucson (10), Arizona

St. Anne's Hospital
Truth or Consequences
New Mexico

St. Joseph's Hospital
350 W. Thomas Road
Phoenix, Arizona

St. Mary's Hospital
Roswell
New Mexico

St. Vincent's Hospital
Santa Fe, New Mexico

Guadalupe General Hospital
Santa Rosa
New Mexico

St. Joseph's Sanatorium & Hospital
715 East Grand Avenue
Albuquerque, New Mexico

Holy Cross Hospital
Box 645
Taos, New Mexico

St. Joseph's Hospital
212 Locust Street
Clayton, New Mexico

St. Mary's Hospital
Gallup
New Mexico

In writing to the above, it would be best to first write out a format of what you are going to say, using the same type for each letter. I would not make the letters any longer than you must. Start off by identifying yourself, your residence and the fact you appear before the parole board soon and are asking for a job to make parole to. Give your employment qualifications, followed by a resume of your health, general physical condition, etc. Give only a brief statement about your sentence, "I was sentenced under a 1 to 2 year term for burglary," or whatever the crime and sentence are. Your letter to Harold Gibbons was such too long to be read by the average Mother Superior. If they are interested, they may write you for additional information during the reply letter. Good luck.

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Clark, C. Dismas (Rev.)

X Martin, Carl

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January 17, 1962

Father Dismas Clark
Dismas House
903 Cole Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Father Clark:

The attached communication is self-explanatory. I am referring it to you in the hope that you can be of assistance.

Fraternaly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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TO THE PERSON RECEIVING THIS LETTER

Special Business

Inmate to guest standing are allowed visits once a week with members of their families and other approved persons. Visiting days at the main institution are Saturdays and Sundays, 8:00—11:00 A. M. and 1:00—3:30 P. M. Visiting day at the Honor farm (Los Lunas) is Sunday only, 8:00—11:00 A. M. and 1:00—4:00 P. M.

Please follow these correspondence rules. Address all mail to P. O. Box 1059, Santa Fe, New Mexico. Write plainly on the envelope the inmate's name and number, also your full name and address on the upper left hand corner of the envelope. Letters must be written in English or Spanish.

Write clearly. Limit yourself strictly to family and business matters. Send money only in the form of Postal Money Order or Cashier's Check. Do not send cash, as the institution will not be responsible for it. Personal checks will be returned to the sender. Postage stamps will be confiscated.

Each inmate is permitted two outgoing letters per week.

We trust that your visits and correspondence will be satisfactory.

To: Mr Harold J. Gibbons

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Date Jan 1 - 62

No. & Street 1641 S. Kingshighway

Name

Carl Martin

City St Louis, Missouri

Number 14950

State Trustees Council Office

Dear Sir

I am writing to you again in order to obtain some information which I need you helped me in 1959 by signing a set of job papers for me.

In April 1959 I had job papers signed by you your self all so a set of job papers signed by Martin for Cousins of Cousins Construction where in the City I regret now that I didn't except your offer as I might still be there on parole the only reason I didn't except your job offer was because I got a job with C. E. S. Truck Lines in Crystal City, Mo. in order that I could live with my people which was a mistake on my part.

If I have to do all of my time without making another parole now that I am back here I won't get out of here until the last of 1964 or the early part of 1965 and I sure won't get out unless I get some help from some place but when ever I do get out I would gladly except a job from you if you can find a place for me at that time as I have finally got my eyes open from now I will live my own life and quit listening to the people who don't know what I say are talking about.

Martin Gibbons the information which I need and what I am asking you to do for me will take some time that is my reason for writing to you so early in the year I only hope you will be kind enough to help me if you possibly can do so.

In December of this year I will appear before the parole board again at which time I will need a job again if I was to make parole again.

I know that you are pretty well known from coast to coast so I am asking you if it is possible for you to do so would you send me the names and address of some people either in New Mexico or Arizona that would give me a job at the end of this year if I was to make parole again the reason I say people in this state or Arizona if a man makes parole you have to have money to get from here to where ever you go I don't have any money and all that I will have is what the state gives a man which isn't much.

If you can and do contact any one in this state or Arizona who can help me you will have to tell them the only way they can get in touch with me is by writing a business letter if they were to come to see me they would have to see the warden of the prison and state that they were here to see me on special business.

Before you decide to help me again if you do help me I would like for you to check my record with local law you will find that my dues are paid up in full and that I have a withdrawal card at the present time as for me I have a clean record with the union and intend to keep it that way as long as we have a union.

Walter Stibbs if you can think of any way to help me or know of any one who can help me get out of prison anything that you do will be greatly appreciated.

I came here in 1954 you might say just a kid I have been here ever since except for eighteen months between April 1957 and December 1960 I am getting tired of this life and want out as for the parole I had I can't explain much about that except that there are a lot of people in Jefferson County who didn't want me around that part of the county and that was one of the things which got me sent back to prison as a violator.

Another reason I am asking you to help me get a job out here I do not know any one in this county and it is very hard for a man in prison to write to some one for a job which he must have before he can get out as for the state of Missouri I don't think they would except me on parole again and if they did I wouldn't have the money to get there.

Again I will say if you can and will help me anything you do will be greatly appreciated please drop me a line as soon as possible so I will know if you can help me or not.

your Friend
Carl Martin

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ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Clark, C. Dismas (Lew.)

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September 5, 1961

Hon. James R. Hoffa
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Office of the General President
25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Jimmy:

I have not been able to write this letter of gratitude because honestly I don't know where to begin or how to begin. It almost seems incredible that there could be anyone so kind in this world to do so much for us helpless people. If there were the slightest eggrendisement which would be coming to you, Harold and Pete for this almost \$3,000.00 I might understand. Jimmy, the lockers are so beautiful and the men think so much of them....I am so proud of them, and it all comes because of your concern for those whom society has condemned along with my poor self. Jimmy, what can I say or what can I do to tell you how much I and the men who live here now or who will live here in the future appreciate your kindness. God has to bless you....and I am sure He will.

The other night I went to the airport to meet Art Linkletter who let me be on his program on two occasions. He was coming to St. Louis for some meeting or other. I met Harold and I can tell you I forgot about Art Linkletter because I wanted to inquire about you. Harold assured me that everything was in good shape. As usual, he was gracious and kind, and did not seem to care if the press were taking pictures with me in his presence.

Jimmy, in Sunday's paper there was an article by a real enemy of labor -- his name escapes me, but he's the fellow who lost his eyesight -- and even he admitted that the little trouble caused the Teamsters here and there was inconsequential and that Jimmy Hoffa was growing stronger and stronger. This was music to my ears and a consolation to my heart.

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Jimmy, a representative from Goldberg's office came here the other day and spent about two hours. I really poured it on him. He wanted to know what I knew about labor leaders. I told him I only knew one -- Jimmy Hoffa. I asked him to look around from the chair in which he was sitting in my office.....to look at a picture on my desk where he would see you, Jimmy. It is really a wonderful picture. I think it is the best of the many of those I have of you. When I told him you were the only labor leader I really trusted and that I did not trust management at all since they had tried to cheat me so often he nearly died. I volunteered to appear before the grand jury to tell them of your kindness. I showed him the lockers in our dormitories and told him not to think for one minute it was Rusther or Many who gave me these lockers. He was extremely non-plussed when I told him these were given to us by Mr. Hoffa.

He began to explain that he was a Jesuit trained boy and a Catholic and etc. I told him that he too could say what he wanted to but that I could read and write too, but that I had been around crooks for 25 years and that I could pretty well recognize one and that I could pretty well recognize good people and that the best of them was Jimmy Hoffa. I told him that if he was carrying a bug that I wanted him to report the whole thing to Mr. Goldberg exactly like I said it. He pretended to be shocked that I thought he would wear a bug, but I told him that every citizen in the United States suspected that federal investigators wore bugs. I told him that I was not afraid of anything I said but that I did not want it changed, which they could easily do with these recordings. He appeared to be very shocked that I would think of anything like that. I assured him that it was common knowledge that these things go on. Anyway, Goldberg should get a glowing report about Jimmy Hoffa.

Jimmy, the second Sunday of October is St. Dismas Day. We are having an open house, beginning with a Mass at 11 o'clock in honor of St. Dismas. The open house will be from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. I am having a plaque made stating your part in this project.

Please remember me to Josephine and your children and may God bless you and keep you always. Please favor me with your prayers, too.

Your devoted and grateful friend,

Father Clark S.J.
Father Dismas Clerk, S.J.

cc: Harold Gibbons
Peter Saffo

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Clark, C. Dismas (Rev.)

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June 15, 1961

Father Dismas Clark, S.J.
Father Dismas Clark Foundation
903 Cola Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Father Clark:

The International Brotherhood of Teamsters will hold its convention in Miami Beach on July 3rd. As you know, this will be a landmark convention representing the end of a long period of harassment and difficulties.

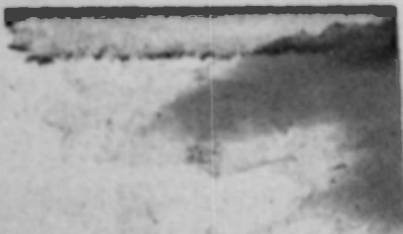
I am happy to extend to you a very cordial invitation to be our guest at this convention on this occasion. We will, of course, be happy to carry your expenses. You may make your arrangements for housing through our Teamster Housing Bureau, Edel Roc Hotel.

Looking forward to seeing you at that time, I am,

Fraternaly yours,

James R. Hoffa
General President

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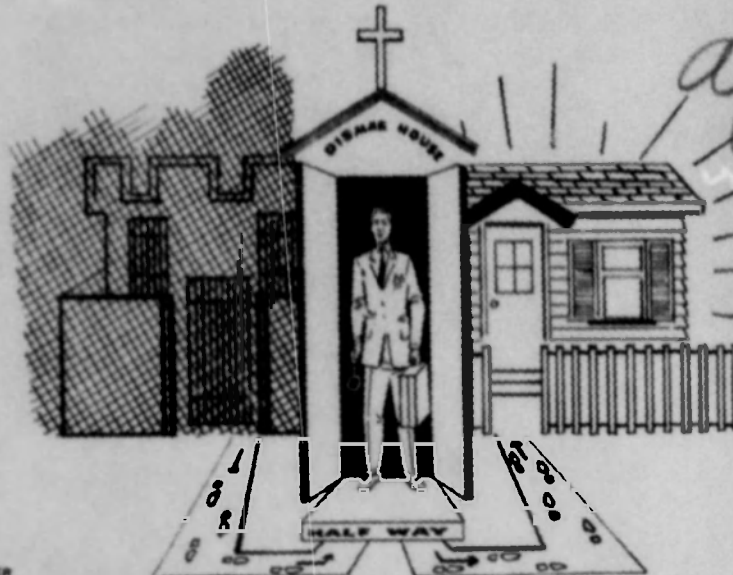
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consider this*

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FATHER DISMAS CLARK FOUNDATION

903 COLE STREET • ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

30 May 1961

Teamsters & Chauffeurs International
Teamsters Building
25 Louisiana Avenue, NW.
Washington, D. C.

Attn: Harold J. Gibbona, Executive Assistant

Dear Harold:

I feel so very uneasy in always appealing to you and Jimmy for help. The problem this time is the lockers that the men would use to keep their clothes, shoes, and personal affects in. At the end of each bed, we have foot lockers, but they are wearing out, and they are really unsatisfactory. The men have so little privacy, and they should be able to have a locker in which they can hang their clothes and put their belongings away.

When Jimmy was here for the premiere, he thought that the home looked very nice, except the dormitories. I sensed that he was not pleased. I explained to him that the fact worried me -- the men having so little privacy. I knew he was displeased so, Harold, I ordered the sixty (60) lockers, which will cost \$38.00 each, plus transportation charges. You have done so much for us, that it really seems wrong for me to badger you with this worry.

I expect some day we will make some money from the movie, but as yet we have received nothing. I wonder if they will ever stoop to cheating us. It would be hard to imagine people who would deprive our men of what they really deserve.

The Sartoma group is paying for some tile flooring for the Library. I do my best to give the men everything I can. As you know, there is nothing I want for myself. No one

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could give me anything that would make my life any happier, except to see our men taken care of.

We have had almost 700 men live at our home, and about 500 men who got jobs through us, and only four have been returned to the prison for new convictions.

Harold, my philosophy is that prisons are the cause of crime. I am not concerned so much about the first offenders as I am about why he becomes a second and third offender. It is my firm conviction that a little consideration would soon close down these horrible things called prisons. So, I get out on a limb to get our men things I really can't afford for them, and then I turn to men like yourself and Jimmy. Your picture is on my desk at my office at all times. I don't need it to remind myself of you, but I want the world to know what you have done for the 1,200 men who probably would still be in prison if it were not for the Teamsters and their leaders.

May God bless and keep you always. Please remember me to Jimmy with deepest gratitude.

Very sincerely yours,

Father Dismas Clark SJ

Father Dismas Clark, SJ

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Clark, C. Diemo: (Rev.)

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May 26, 1961

Father Diemo Clerh
Diemo House
903 Cole Street
St. Louis I, Mo.

Dear Father Clerh:

We have received your letter of
May 10, 1961.

We are still at a loss to know
exactly what is involved in your problem
of lockers. Do you need ten or twenty?
If we get this figure we will then know
how much money you will actually need to take
care of your problem.

Fraternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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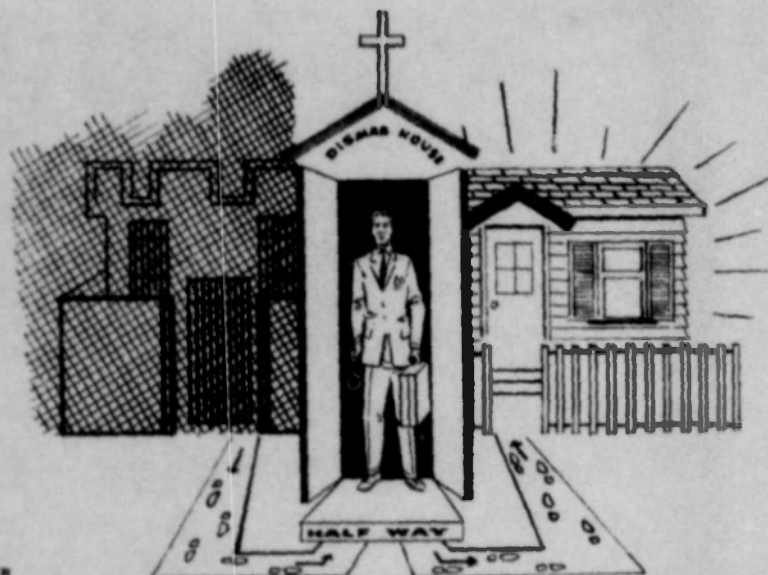
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FATHER DISMAS CLARK FOUNDATION

903 COLE STREET • ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

10 May 1961

International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Office of the General President
25 Louisiana Avenue, N.W.
Washington 1, D.C.

Attn: Mr. Harold J. Gibbons

Dear Harold:

Thank you for your prompt reply of April 21st, and I regret my delay in answering. I have been out of the city a great deal these past three weeks.

I am enclosing herewith the cost figures for the two types of lockers discussed, and the local representative, the National Chair & Furniture Company, advises that they are quoting their cost to us. The 18" x 24" x 60" locker is priced \$36.10 each, plus freight charge of \$2.00 to \$3.00; the 18" x 36" x 78" locker is priced \$45.00 each, plus freight; the 24" x 36" x 78" locker is priced \$55.00, plus freight. All lockers would be furnished knocked-down, and our men would set them up.

I sincerely appreciate the interest of Jimmy and you, and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, and I am sure if these lockers are received, the men at Dismas House will be very pleased, as the foot-lockers now in use are almost inadequate.

My kindest personal regards to both Jimmy and you. May God bless you always.

Very sincerely yours,

Father Dismas Clark SJ

Father Dismas Clark, SJ

FATHER DISHAS CLARK
DISHAS HOUSE
903 COLE STREET
ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

JANUARY 20, 1951

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DEAR FATHER CLARK:

REFERENCE IS MADE TO OUR LETTER OF JANUARY 10TH CONCERNING
STEEL CABINETS TO BE USED BETWEEN THE BEDS IN YOUR DORMI-
TORIES.

WE RECEIVED A REPLY FROM THE FACTORY ADVISING THAT THEY
COULD SUPPLY A SPECIAL CABINET 24" WIDE X 14" DEEP X 66"
HIGH, WITH A FULL LENGTH CENTER PARTITION, A COAT ROD
ON THE LEFT SIDE AND 8 SMALL SHELVES ON THE RIGHT SIDE.
THIS SHOULD GIVE EACH INDIVIDUAL AMPLE SPACE FOR ALL PER-
SONAL BELONGINGS AND WE OFFER IT FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

WE WISH WE COULD OFFER TO GIVE THESE TO YOUR ORGANIZATION
BUT UNFORTUNATELY WE ARE NOT QUITE IN A POSITION TO DO THAT
AT THIS TIME. WE WILL OFFER THEM TO YOU AT OUR ACTUAL COST
HOWEVER, WHICH IS \$35.10 EACH, NET K.O.F. FACTORY.
THERE WOULD BE FREIGHT ADDED TO THIS IN THE AMOUNT OF PRO-
BABLY \$2.00 OR \$3.00 MAXIMUM AND IT WOULD BE NECESSARY FOR
YOUR MEN TO ASSEMBLE THEM ON DELIVERY.

IF THIS WOULD BE OF ANY INTEREST TO YOU, PLEASE LET US KNOW
AND WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE THEM MADE UP AND DELIVERED WITHIN
A MATTER OF APPROXIMATELY 60 DAYS OR LESS. WE ARE ENCLOSED
A SLIGHTLY ALTERED ILLUSTRATION, WHICH WILL GIVE YOU A GOOD
IDEA OF WHAT THESE CABINETS WOULD BE LIKE.

WAITING FURTHER WORDS FROM YOU AND THANKING YOU FOR THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE, WE ARE,

VERY TRULY YOURS,

NATIONAL CHAIR & FURNITURE CO.

JOSEPH JAY YAMITZ, JR.,
PRESIDENT

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JANUARY 13, 1961

FATHER DIEMAS CLARK
903 COLE STREET
ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

DEAR FATHER CLARK:

IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HAVE LUNCH WITH YOU TODAY
AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN REPEAT THIS ON MANY FUTURE
OCCASIONS.

WE ARE DELIVERING TO YOU 2 - SAMSONITE STEEL FOLDING
TABLES AND CHAIRS, WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS, WHICH WE HOPE
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PUT TO GOOD USE IN YOUR RECEPTION
ROOM. IF THESE PROVE TO BE SATISFACTORY PLEASE LET
US KNOW HOW MANY ADDITIONAL CHAIRS YOU WILL NEED OF
THIS TYPE AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO SUPPLY THEM, IN REA-
SONABLE QUANTITIES ALSO WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS.

FOR YOUR CABINETS, BETWEEN THE BEDS, WE HAVE WRITTEN
TO THE MANUFACTURER ASKING IF HE COULD MAKE UP A SPECIAL
CABINET SOMETHING LIKE THE ONE SHOWN ON THE ENCLOSED
CIRCULAR, BUT WHICH WOULD HAVE DIMENSIONS OF 24" OVERALL
WIDTH, 18" OF OVERALL DEPTH, AND 60" IN HEIGHT. THIS
CABINET WOULD BE DIVIDED WITH A CLOTHES HANGING SECTION
ON THE LEFT AND SHELVES ON THE RIGHT AS INDICATED.

IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WE WOULD THEN SUGGEST THE USE
OF A DOUBLE STEEL LOCKER WITH THE LEFT SIDE OF THE LOCKER
DEVOTED TO SPACE FOR HANGING CLOTHES AND THE RIGHT SECTION
SHELVES. BUT IN ANY EVENT WE WILL HAVE PRICES ON THIS, WITH-
IN THE NEXT WEEK OR 10 DAYS AND WILL FORWARD SAME TO YOU.

FOR THE CABINET IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM, WE WOULD SUGGEST
A STORAGE UNIT SUCH AS THE #100 IN THE SIZE 36" x 18" x 78"
OR PERHAPS IN THE 24" DEPTH, WHICH WOULD BE THE #101.
IF THESE WOULD SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO
SUPPLY THEM TO YOU AT OUR ACTUAL COST, WHICH WOULD BE
SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$45.00 FOR THE #100 AND
ABOUT \$55.00 FOR THE #101.

FAYNEE DASHAS CLARK

THESE WOULD BE DELIVERED, SET-UP, READY TO USE.

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE MAY SERVE YOU BEST AND BE
ASSURED OF OUR COOPERATION AT ALL TIMES.

SINCERELY,

NATIONAL CHAIR & FURNITURE CO.

JOSEPH JAY YAMITY, JR.

ADMINISTRATIVE FILE

Clark, C. Dismas (Rev.)

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April 21, 1961

Father Dismas Clark
Father Dismas Clark Foundation
903 Cola Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Father Clark:

We have your letter of April 8,
1961, and was happy to hear from you.

Will you kindly send me a figure
on the cost of the necessary cabinets you need
for the dormitory and the laundry, and I will
be happy to discuss it with President Hoffa
and try and get the necessary funds.

Please let me hear from you.

Faternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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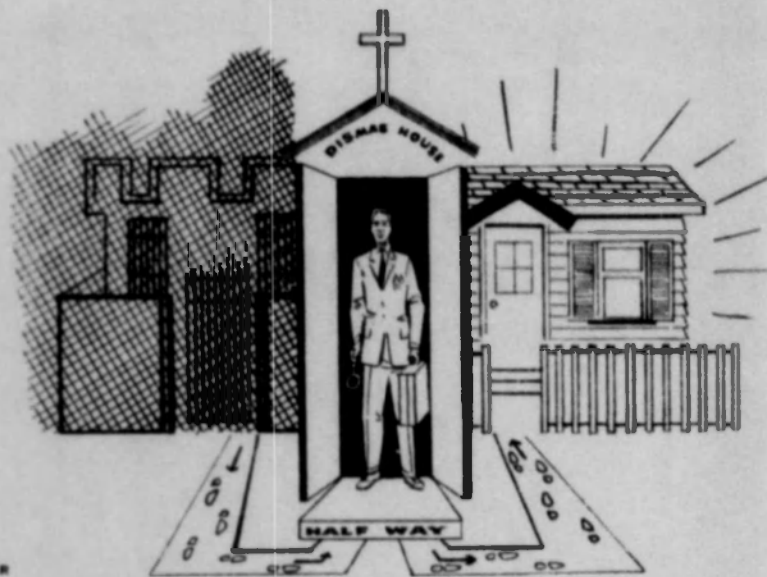
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FATHER DISMAS CLARK FOUNDATION

903 COLE STREET • ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

8 April 1961

Hon. James Riddle Hoffa, President
Internation Union of Teamsters
Teamsters Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jimmy:

I have been wanting to write to you ever since the premiere to thank you for your graciousness, first in coming to St. Louis, and during your visit in St. Louis. Everyone who met you was completely charmed. The ovation you received at the theatre was most heartening to me. In fact, so heartening that a little later it made me forget to say anything.

Last Saturday, Harold arranged for Jimmy Durante and Sonny King, his orchestra leader, to spend almost two hours at Dismas House. Harold was with them. Jimmy was very pleased with the operation and deeply impressed by the part you have played in this. I told him about all you had done.

Jimmy, I saw your face kind of fall when you saw the condition of the foot-lockers in our dormitories. I had already made some inquiries about getting some steel lockers to be put by each bed. I don't know just what to do because the kind I want are rather expensive. I know you would want to see nothing but what is right in Dismas House. I am making bold to enclose a letter which I received from a friend of mine, and the picture of the locker. We have sixty (60) beds, but maybe I could begin with investing in enough of them for one dormitory. It would make it so much nicer for the men.

Harold told me that you want me to come to the convention. I am hoping and praying my heart out that I can get the necessary permission. What a thrill it would be for me to even be present,

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Hon. James R. Hoffa, President
Intl. Union of Teamsters
Teamsters Building
Washington, D. C.

not to mention having the privilege of addressing the convention.

Thanks again, Jimmy, for all you have done for us, and would you have one of your secretaries return the enclosed letter and brochure.

May God bless and keep you always. Please remember me to your lovely wife, Josephine, and ask her to pray for us, and may I ask you also to keep us in your prayers.

Your devoted friend,

Father Clark

Father Clark

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P. S. Jimmy, I thought you would like to see the enclosed pictures. I am very proud of them. You may keep them if you wish.

Father

Father Clark



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IT WAS A PLEASURE TO HAVE LUNCH WITH YOU TODAY
AND I HOPE THAT WE CAN REPEAT THIS ON MANY FUTURE
OCCASIONS.

WE ARE DELIVERING TO YOU 3 - SAMSONITE STEEL FOLDING
TABLET ARM CHAIRS, WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS, WHICH WE HOPE
YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PUT TO GOOD USE IN YOUR RECEPTION
ROOM. IF THESE PROVE TO BE SATISFACTORY PLEASE LET
US KNOW HOW MANY ADDITIONAL CHAIRS YOU WILL NEED OF
THIS TYPE AND WE WILL BE GLAD TO SUPPLY THEM, IN REA-
SONABLE QUANTITIES ALSO WITH OUR COMPLIMENTS.

FOR YOUR CABINETS, BETWEEN THE BEDS, WE HAVE WRITTEN
TO THE MANUFACTURER ASKING IF HE COULD MAKE UP A SPECIAL
CABINET SOMETHING LIKE THE #111 SHOWN ON THE ENCLOSED
CIRCULAR, BUT WHICH WOULD HAVE DIMENSIONS OF 24" OVERALL
WIDTH, 18" OF OVERALL DEPTH, AND 66" IN HEIGHT. THIS
CABINET WOULD BE DIVIDED WITH A CLOTHES HANGING SECTION
ON THE LEFT AND SHELVES ON THE RIGHT AS INDICATED.

IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE WE WOULD THEN SUGGEST THE USE
OF A DOUBLE STEEL LOCKER WITH THE LEFT SIDE OF THE LOCKER
DEVOTED TO SPACE FOR HANGING CLOTHES AND THE RIGHT SECTION
SHELVES, BUT IN ANY EVENT WE WILL HAVE PRICES ON THIS, WITH-
IN THE NEXT WEEK OR 10 DAYS AND WILL FORWARD SAME TO YOU.

FOR THE CABINET IN THE LAUNDRY ROOM, WE WOULD SUGGEST
A STORAGE UNIT SUCH AS THE #100 IN THE SIZE 36" x 18" x 78"
OR PERHAPS IN THE 24" ~~62 1/2"~~, WHICH WOULD BE THE #101.
IF THESE WOULD SOLVE YOUR PROBLEM, WE WOULD BE GLAD TO
SUPPLY THEM TO YOU AT OUR ACTUAL COST, WHICH WOULD BE
SOMEWHERE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF \$45.00 FOR THE #100 AND
ABOUT \$55.00 FOR THE #101.

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FATNER DISMAS CLARK

THESE WOULD BE DELIVERED, SET-UP, READY TO USE.

PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW WE MAY SERVE YOU BEST AND BE
ASSURED OF OUR COOPERATION AT ALL TIMES.

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Clark, C. Dismas (Rev.)

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April 5, 1961

Father Dismas Clark
Dismas House
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Fether Clark:

Under seperate cover I have today shipped
100 copies of the record of the speech you made before
Local 688's Conference when wa gava you an award.

Inasmuch as in a large measure this expresses
the philosophy of your work, I thought you might want to have
some available at your office to give to any friends or visitors
who show up.

It was nice seeing you last week.

Fraternelly yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

HJG/yk

Clark, C. Dismas (Rev.)

'The Hoodlum Priest'

In an adjoining column is a letter from Globe-Democrat City Editor George Killenberg on the subject of the movie "The Hoodlum Priest," which made its world debut in St. Louis Tuesday night.

The movie presumably is based on the career of Father Thomas Clark, who is and always has been at the top of The Globe-Democrat's list of good citizens.

Father Clark can be said to have a magnificent ministry among a group entirely too long neglected—those men who have paid their debt to society and who need the opportunity to start anew.

Father Clark has helped literally hundreds of such people, providing them aid, inspiration and aspiration. The evidence of his good works is in the fact that only an infinitesimally small number of those convicts whom he has aided have slipped back to crime.

The Globe-Democrat also has applauded, publicly and privately, the efforts of the Taxmasters Union to find genial, honest employment for those who have atoned but paid their debt. Former convicts must be employed. Our whole civilization is based on atonement and the redeemable man.

Further, The Globe-Democrat, and Father Clark, too, believe in stern punishment as a deterrent to crime—particularly in the case of vicious and repeated offenders—and believe that the careers of such men would be with the victim and the potential of new wars rather than with the offender.

Here, however, the similarity between fact

and fiction ends. Father Clark obviously is more at home in the element of ministering to his flock than in the fast maneuvers of criminal lawyers and Hollywood script writers.

Miriam Shinker, a leading criminal attorney whose concern in the past has been more directed to keeping people out of jail than in aiding those released from prison, became a major factor in arranging for the motion picture.

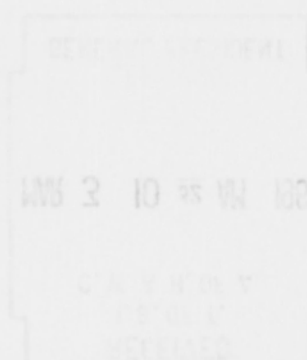
The Hollywood writers, who seldom have been deterred by facts, had a field day. All the emphasis and sympathy are applied to the criminal who shoots down the victim who ought to protect his life and property during a burglary, and very properly pays the death penalty, rather than as the victim or society.

By astonishing coincidence, this is the way Shinker pleads in juries. And Hollywood strikes another blow in behalf of tepid justice and criminality running rampant.

In the course of all this the press, which has heaped great praise upon Father Clark, in theories and people throughout the country will leave under the mistaken impression that St. Louis newspapers have shared the good press and Brown character in his way.

We cannot speak for all St. Louis newspapers, but each is nearly opposite to the facts in the case of The Globe-Democrat.

Our respect and admiration for Father Clark is undiminished. He is a very great man, indeed. He has been wronged. His belief is just as different from the pity-the-criminal psychology and Hollywoodism as night and day. Perhaps that is the thing that makes Father Clark the fine and noble benefactor that he is.



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Charges City Got Bad 'Shake' in Dismas Film

To the Editor:

How a good cause can be exploited was well illustrated Tuesday at the premiere showing of the "Hoodlum Priest," representing as a "true" portrayal of the work of Father Charles Dismas Clark, S.J.

It must have been a great night for Treasurer Ross James R. Hoffa, introduced and endorsed by Criminal Lawyer Martin Sheen, to an extent that it was hard to realize that Father Clark was one who founded Dismas House, and not Hoffa and Sheen.

The movie, itself, had a villain who must have delighted Hoffa with the same teamwork leaders, feeling he is being abused by the Justice Department and the press. In this case, the Hollywood scenario was, with more than their usual lack of interest in facts, used the press as the villains.

Mr. Sheen, himself, could not have put on a nastier jacket than Hollywood or the produce merchant, shot down by a criminal hero who would get a sentimental from any jury, thanks to the Hollywood treatment of a crime. This sentimentality as portrayed by Hollywood is one reason why so many juries can be influ-



ended by the Sheen's of this world.

The film, labeled as true, carries the caption in one ad-

vertisement that "A city bowed for his scalp," meaning St. Louis wanted Father Clark's scalp.

The implication was clear that the city was "outraged" because of publication of vicious articles designed to black Father Clark and even to track him. Nothing could be more untrue. If there should be any outrage, it would be that anyone would say that St. Louisans have anything but affection and respect for Father Clark, a most dedicated man.

An examination of Globe-Democrat clippings of news articles, feature stories and editorials for almost a decade shows Father Clark has had a most helpful press, one that he has deserved. Certainly no reporter on this newspaper has ever worked against Father Clark, and there is no record that any unfavorable articles have ever been published against him.

The man who gave much of his time and effort in helping Father Clark, man with his time and in print was The Globe-Democrat's Ted Schafers. Father Clark, himself, has credited Ted Schafers time and space for coining the phrase, "halfway house" to describe Dismas House, and for the title "Hoodlum Priest".

In a letter to Globe-Democrat publisher Richard H. Amberg, dated Nov. 20, 1934, Father Clark declared: "If this idea of a half-way house materializes, it will be due to the cooperation, the advice, the encouragement of many people and I would like to say The Globe-Democrat and its editor are in the front rank."

St. Louis deserves a far better shake than given by the Hollywood scriptwriters, who, if justice prevails, should certainly be welcomed on the Hoffa staff of press agents.

GEORGE KILLENBERG

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HAY IS CLEARED BY U.S. COURT FOR TEAMSTERS ELECTION HERE

Judge's Ruling Ending
Long Dispute Over
Joint Council 13 Is
Victory for Hoffa
and Gibbons

By WALTER D. UTENAD

A Washington Correspondent of
the Post-Dispatch.

St. Louis, March 1.—The
case over today after long
controversy and litigation for
Teamsters Joint Council 13 is
now to have a new election
of officers.

When such an outcome is
achieved the election was
held in Washington yesterday
and United States District
Judge James Latta Judge Latta
ruled he would issue a
final order in Friday giving
effect to the motion.

The ruling yesterday by
Judge Latta cleared the way for
James R. Hoffa to gain re-
election of the 1700 mem-
ber Teamsters Union, long
in the gallery.

Judge Latta ordered the truck
men to hold a convention
where officers are to be
elected. Hoffa said the conven-
tion would be held in Miami
in mid-May. It was agreed
that Hoffa would win reelection
as president, although there is
some opposition to him in
the union.

In another order Judge Latta
dissolved the three-man board
of monitors that has kept an eye
on the Teamsters since 1955.
The board was challenged in 1955
in St. Louis District.

The ruling issued yesterday to
bring the St. Louis Teamsters
Council to the outskirts of a
controversy which arose
after the disputed election Jan.
13, 1955, of Harold J. Gibbons,
executive assistant to Hoffa, as
president of Joint Council 13.

Gibbons was elected by a vote
of 70 to 71. An opposing slate
headed by P. E. (Boss) Walle
head of Teamsters Local 647
argued that since votes cast
for Walle by delegates repre-
senting Carnival Workers Local
647, were invalid.

Yesterday's action filed on
behalf of the international union,
which is normal for a new
election on non-major
grounds, that the controversy
could be removed by dissolving
Local 647 and that the court-
appointed board of monitors
named to supervise Teamster
affairs had never carried out a
protected investigation into the
disputed election.

The dissolution of Local 647
was authorized by Judge Latta
last Feb. 1. This action was re-
quested in the same motion that
called for a new election in Joint
Council 13.

Would Remove Objection.

In this connection the motion
stated "Since the focal point
around which the election dis-
pute centered was the
alleged irregularity of the seven votes
from Local 647, the removal of
Local 647 from the union should
remove any possible objections
to a new election in that joint
council."

In referring to the board of
monitors, the motion stated that
in June 1954 the board asked
that the effectiveness of the elec-
tion be secured until a court order
that an inquiry into complaints
by Gibbons' foes that the vote-
ing had been rigged.

"In later hearings, seen as
inexpedient, is yet to be
decided," the motion stated. "The
Joint Council is still in trustee-
ship and the results of the elec-
tion have never been effectuated
three years later."

The motion asked that the
Teamsters General Executive
Board had certified the outcome
of the election and also an in-
vestigation by a panel appointed
by the board. It was after this
action that the monitoring re-
quested and obtained a stay of
the effectiveness of the election.

Gibbons is Teamster.

As a result, the affairs of the
union remained under trustee-
ship until 1955 when it also
a Teamsters international vice
president serving as trustee. He
also held the position of trustee
prior to the election which was
disputed to remove the council
from trusteeship and return its
affairs to local control.

A spokesman for the union
said a date for holding the new
election probably would be set
by Gibbons and Hoffa. The
election of new officers would
then have the effect of removing
the council from trusteeship.

Two members of the monitors
in July 1955 expressed dissatis-
faction with the action of the
board's international Executive
Board in upholding Gibbons' election. They contended they
should have been notified in ad-
vance that the board intended to
approve a recommendation by a
three-panel committee the valid-
ity of the carnival workers
votes.

Monitors Take No Stand.

The board of monitors, which
has been largely inoperative in
recent months, took no position
on the motion seeking approval
for a new election in Joint Coun-
cil 13.

The motion seeking the new
election in Joint Council 13 was
opposed in a motion filed by four
members of the original group of
13 men and the New York Team-
sters members whose objections
to the conduct of union affairs
led to creation of the board of
monitors.

The motion argued that the
votes cast by the Local 647 dele-
gates at the 1957 election should
be disqualified and the results
of the election then be certified.
This would have resulted in Gib-
bons' defeat and the election of
Walle. Their argument was over-
ruled by Judge Latta.

By the Associated Press.

Arriving with confidence,
Hoffa and the union mem-
bers a huge organizing drive
aiming to sign up men to the
union and in industry. The
AFL-CIO, which backed out the
Teamsters in 1957 on charges of
corruption, has jurisdiction in
these fields and would resist
Teamsters drive.

When Hoffa still has
trouble. On the basis of
charges by the monitors, he has
been indicted for fraud in Flor-
ida as the Department of Jus-
tice intends to prosecute the
case. A majority of the moni-
tor board had accused Hoffa of
misusing \$500,000 of union funds
in a Florida land deal.

By United Press International.

A group of dissident Team-
sters and Martin F. O'Donoghue,
last chairman of the board
of monitors, were disappointed
by the ruling.

They claimed the union was
not yet "clean" enough to mer-

it dissolution of the monitors
in an election in which Team-
sters members could be fully in-
formed.

The judge told some attorney
Edward Bennett Williams to pre-
pare an order for the dissolution
of the monitors, although Williams
had suggested earlier that the
court send a representative to
examine credentials, if neces-
sary.

'HOODLUM PRIEST' DRAWS FULL HOUSE

Ovation for Father Clark—
Proceeds of Premiere Go-
ing to Diannas House.

A capacity audience attended
the world premiere of "The
Hoodlum Priest" and gave a
standing ovation to the Rev.
Charles Diannas Clark S.J., on
whose life the motion picture is
based, when he was introduced
from the stage of Lewis State
Theater last night.

The anti-spoken Jesus, whose
parish is the prisons and jails
of the nation, said "I can
speak tonight. Thank you thank
you all so very much. And I am
blessed."

Father Clark was introduced
by Morris Shearer, attorney and
co-founder with the priest of
Diannas House, a rehabilitation
center for former convicts at
101 S. 10th street. The premiere's
proceeds which will be given to
Diannas House, were estimated
at \$7,000 by some sponsors be-
fore the show.

200 in Audience.

Shearer told the audience of
300 persons, many of whom
were in formal dress, that Fa-
ther Clark is "the man who has
been able to inspire thousands
of good people and to make
thousands who were considered
bad people good."

The three leading performers
in the movie, much of which was
photographed in St. Louis, also
were introduced. Dan Murray,
who portrays Father Clark and
was co-producer of the movie,
told the audience the role was
the most thrilling in my ca-
reer and "the best I have ever
had the privilege of playing."
His costars, Clark Ward and
Karl Dalles, and Walter Wood
to producer, spoke.

Others who were introduced
included Mayor Raymond R.
Tucker, Supervisor James H. J.
McNary of St. Louis County,
Missouri Attorney General
Thomas F. Eagleton, Teamster
International President James
Hoffa, and a number of religious,
political, civic and social offi-
cials.

Hundreds Outside.

Several hundred additional
persons stood outside the theater
to cheer the performers. Father
Clark and other persons as they
arrived. Two high school hands
provided music to those gath-
ered outside.

The picture, filmed by United
Artists, Inc., is the story of an
convict Billy Lee Jackson (Dal-
les) who finds the struggle to
be accepted in society with his
background of crime a bitter
one.

At first, he does not even seek
acceptance, much less an offer

of Father Clark to help him.
But when the priest, with the
aid of an attorney, gets him out
of a scrape, he agrees to let
Father Clark find him a job.

Following the movie, an open
house was held at Diannas House.
Those contributing \$100 or more
to the Diannas House fund at-
tended a ball at the Chase Hotel.

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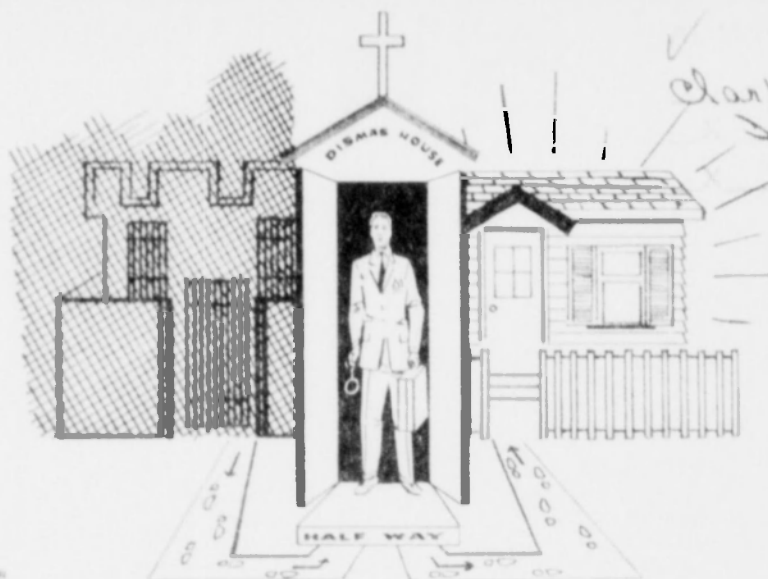
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FATHER DISMAS CLARK FOUNDATION

903 CLEGG STREET - ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

February 18, 1961

Mr. Harold J. Gibbons
25 Louisiana Avenue, N. W.
Washington 1, D. C.

Dear Harold:

You have received an invitation to attend the 'world premiere' of "The Hoodlum Priest" and champagne supper-ball. Please disregard the inclosure as it was not our intention that you make a contribution for the tickets for you and your wife.

We are fully aware of the good work you and your associates have done in behalf of Dismas House and we will appreciate it you will join us on this occasion as the special guests of Father Clark and myself.

With best personal regards, I am

Sincerely,

Morris A. Shenker

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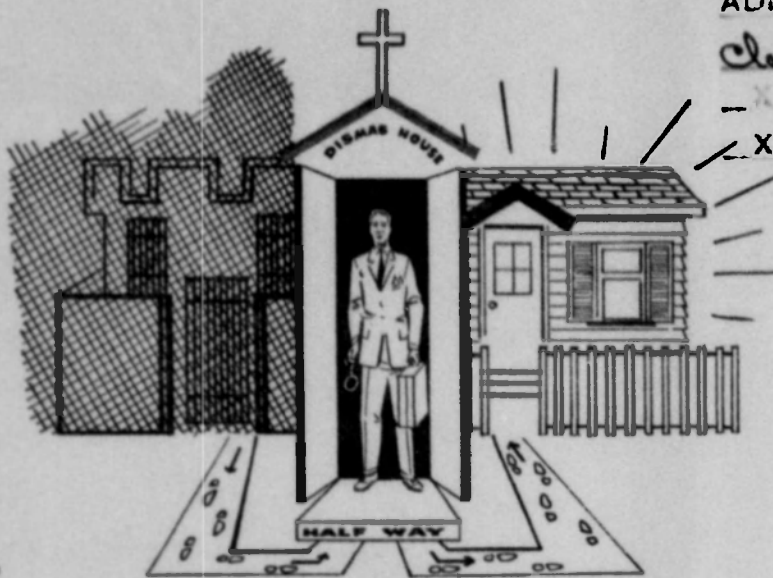
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FATHER DISMAS CLARK FOUNDATION

803 COLE STREET • ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

January 24, 1961

Mr. Harold Gibbons
Teamsters International Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Harold:

I wanted you to see the article in the enclosed issue of Coronet. It mentions your citation. There is not a day or hardly an hour goes by that I do not think of you with gratitude.

The movie is supposed to break in April. We will be in better shape by then. I know you will help us whenever you can. We are hurting a little right now, but this is not the reason for my sending you this article.

Everyone says you were great on television. I missed the program. How sorry I am! Do you have a list of people to whom you send a notice when things like this are about to happen? If you have, will you put me on the list.

Thanks, Harold, for everything.

Gratefully yours,

C. Dismas Clark
C. Dismas Clark, S. J.

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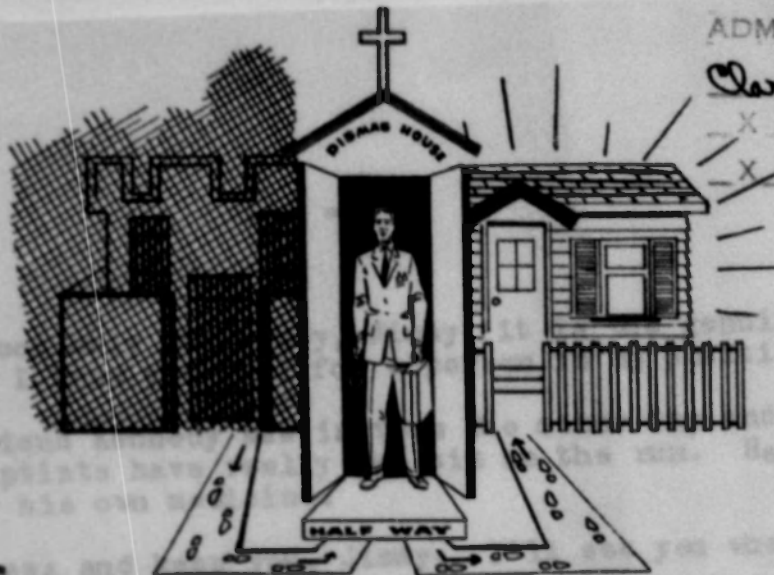
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803 COLE STREET • ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

September 17, 1960

Mr. James Riddle Hoffa, President
International Brotherhood of Teamsters Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jimmy:

I am enclosing a letter of gratitude to Larry Steinberg.
I mean every word in it so much.

Jimmy, you and Larry and Harold and Pats have kept our
poor men from being without food and clothing and the other
necessities of life. They are making a movie, which is a
disappointment to me in many ways. I have thought of what
you have so well said on several occasions within my hearing,
"Jimmy Hoffa doesn't matter. It's the men who drive those
trucks who matters."

But these poor men who have no one to whom they can
turn, except they have the Hoodlum Priest. The picture is
not doing what I wanted it to do, but they have promised to
do a sequel which will tell the real story of rehabilitation
and a vital part of this story will be James Hoffa and the
International Teamsters Union.

Jimmy, the film people are doing the best they can. They
do not really understand fully about this work. Mr. Shenker
had another brunch last Sunday trying to raise money to pay
off our debt. Harold and Pete were there and in their good-
ness promised another thousand dollars. But the great story
is that I could pick up the telephone and hear a sympathetic
voice - your voice - Jimmy: "What's the matter, Father?
What are they doing to you in St. Louis?" And then your quick
response; the money came in a day or two. I told this story
last Sunday at the brunch as I have told it many other places.
It is a story of your kindness and goodness.

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203 COLA STREET • ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

September 17, 1960

**Mr. Larry Steinberg
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Local #20
435 South Newley Street
Toledo 9, Ohio**

Dear Larry:

This morning your letter came with this unbelievable contribution. Each month there has been a happy day in my life, the day on which your letter comes. Without you and Local 20 Dismas Homes could have never survived. We are running now at full capacity: 60. Men are coming and going. About 350 have lived with us and about 400 more men have received jobs through us.

Larry, last night I went out into the kitchen and I just wondered how I would keep on buying food for these helpless men, and this morning came the answer. I am positively sure that God will take care of Local 20. I am sure that the infinitely merciful God who created these men will bless you and your associates for seeing to it that they are taken care of. I saw Harold last Sunday. Mr. Shenker gave a brunch at the Park Plaza to try to obtain funds to liquidate our debt. The debt is on Mr. Shenker's mind and on my mind too, but the feeding and clothing and housing of these men is a thing deepest to my heart. If all the pledges are kept, Mr. Shenker says that we will soon be out of debt. Harold promised another thousand dollars to help us keep our creditors from screaming. Harold told us that Jimmy was coming to St. Louis in October. I am looking forward to seeing him; he has been an inspiration to me. I have heard him say on several occasions, "It isn't Jimmy Hoffa that matters, it's the men who're driving the trucks."

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So, Larry, it isn't father Clark who matters, but it is these helpless men who need me.

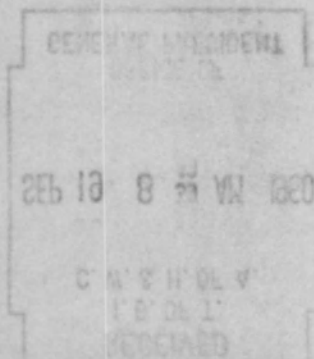
May I ask you again to tell the men of Local 20 that we are all so grateful and that I feel that God Almighty, in His mercy and goodness, will see you through. May I beg upon all of you the blessings of Heaven and Earth.

Your devoted and grateful friend,

Frederic William Clark, S.J.
C. Dismas Clark, S.J.

P.S. Larry, they are making a movie, which really is a sort of disappointment to me, but Mr. Shenker thinks we can make some money when they have the premier. Let me say again that meanwhile you have kept us from starving.

CC: James H. Hoffa



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Clark, C. Dismas (Rev.)

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August 16, 1960

Father C. Dismas Clark, S. J.
Father Dismas Clark Foundation
903 Cole Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Father Clark:

Thank you for your letter of August 12th.

If I can possibly squeeze in luncheon Sunday, I will be happy to meet the people who are making the film. However, this weekend it is very unlikely as I only have a few hours to spend in St. Louis. I generally try to spend those with my kids.

Sincerely yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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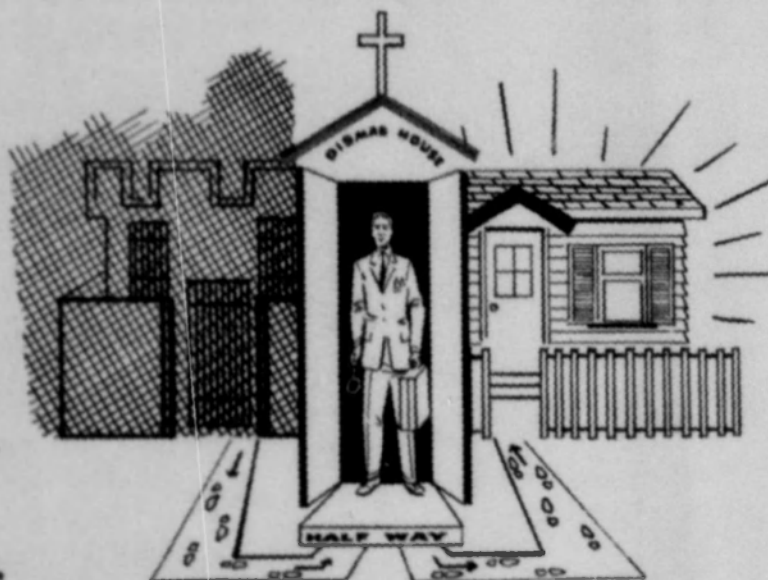
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August 12, 1960

Mr. Harold Gibbons
International Teamsters Union Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Harold:

Would you have a couple of minutes to read the enclosed letter to Larry Stainberg? I have tried to express my gratitude toward him. You know, of course, how I really feel toward you.

They are about ready to shoot the film. Harold, could you have lunch some Sunday with these movie people if you are in St. Louis?

The best of everything to you in the greatest possible way.

Your devoted and grateful friend,

Dismas Clark, S.J.

C. Dismas Clark, S. J.

August 12, 1960

Mr. Larry Steinberg,
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
435 S. Hawley St.
Toledo 9 Ohio

Dear Larry:

I feel numb. This very morning I went through the ritual service which a Catholic priest does every day praying by heart out that help would come to us. Then I was handed the mail and I saw the familiar "International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 20". My prayers, unworthy as they are, found a way to the throne of Heaven. Larry only God knows how I pray that every blessing and good gift of Heaven and earth will be yours specifically, and Local 20 in a very special way, and the whole Teamsters Union in general. If Jimmy and Harold and yourself receive just some fraction of the graces, prosperity, happiness and peace that I wish for you and pray for you, they will be very great. Could I ask you in one of your meetings to tell your committee, and if possible, the whole group what my feelings are.

Larry, last night we had 46 men in our home, and I can say to the world if it were not for you and Jimmy and Harold and Pete Dismas House would not be open. I think it will please you to know that we have had 290 men live at our home since November first of last year. We have put more than 600 ex-convicts to work. This would never have been possible except for you and your financial and moral support and help. What on earth can I do to show I am grateful?

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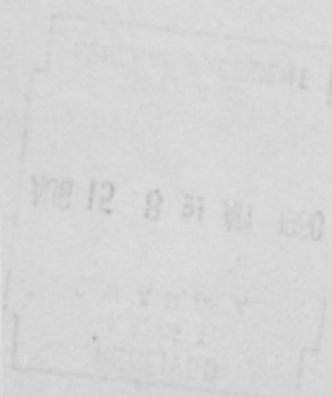
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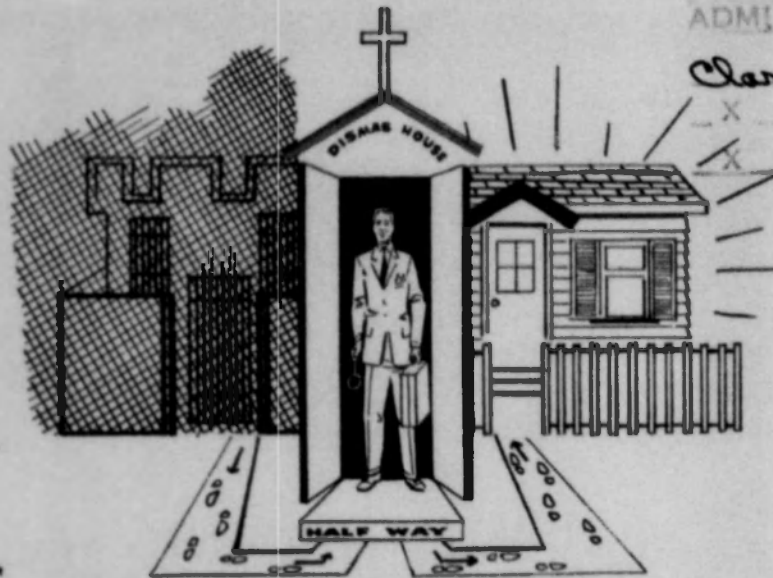
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International Teamsters Union Bldg.
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Daar Jimmy:

I just wanted to tell you that the film people are here. I enclose a letter to Larry Steinberg which will explain about everything.

It is so good to see that public opinion is shifting in your favor. Please God this will continue with ever increasing strength. You can be sure, Jimmy, I am doing my part.

May God bless you and keep you always.

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C. Dennis Clark, Jr.

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June 27, 1960

Father C. Dismas Clark, S. J.
Father Dismas Clark Foundation
903 Cole Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Father Clark:

Thank you for your letter of June 24, 1960.

Enclosed please find an article which appeared in
the Detroit Times that I thought you would like to
see.

Fraternally yours,

James R. Hoffa
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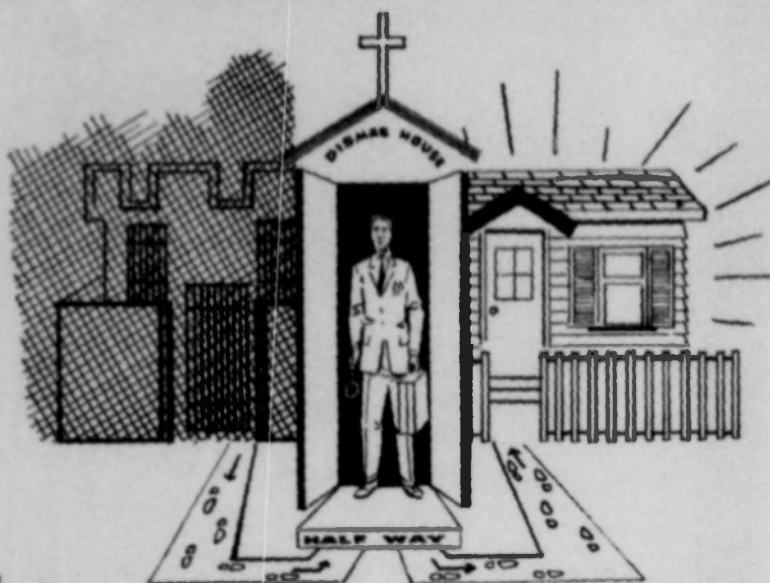
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Gratefully yours,

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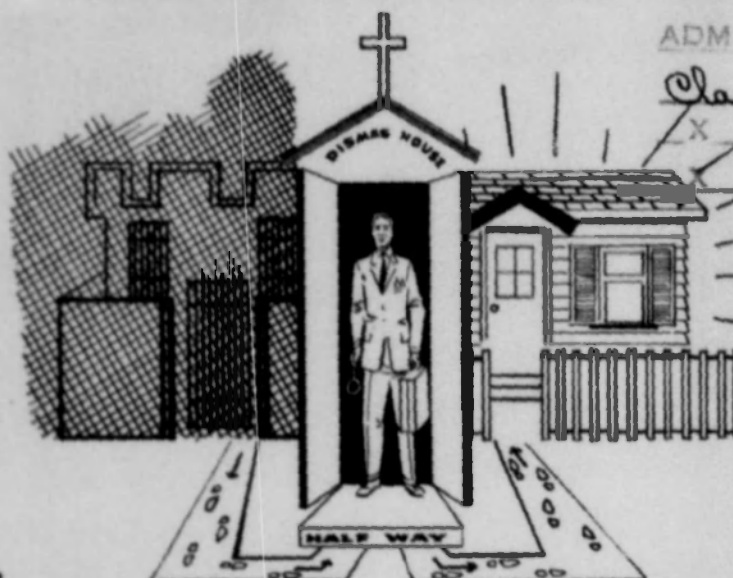
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903 COLE STREET • ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI

June 9, 1960

Mr. James R. Hoffa
International Teamsters Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jimmy:

I have been so happy to notice how those men who stooped so low to smear you are beginning to be found out. Thanks be to God the press, etc. are talking more kindly of you and somewhat condemnatory of O'Donoghue and his kind.

Jimmy I want to enclose this letter to Larry Steinberg to let you know how good he has been to us. Like yourself he is a man of his word. He promised us \$10,000 and he has already sent \$4,000, and I will never forget because it came when I needed it so much.

Harold says that we will get \$4,000 or so from the prize fight besides your own \$7,000 which I have already received.

With the exception of one check for \$100 there is no other union except the Teamsters who have given us anything. It must be easy for you to see how kindly I feel toward you and the Teamsters. You have kept me alive. May God bless and keep you in every way. Please pray for me.

Sincerely your friend,

Father Clark S.J.

C. Dismas Clark, S. J. /

June 9, 1960

Mr. Lawrence S. Steinberg
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
435 S. Newley St.
Toledo 9 Ohio.

Dear Larry:

I am sure of one thing: that your heart must have been wrung with grief many times, and I say this because no one could do so much for one in so much grief like myself unless he himself had suffered the agony of panic and worry.

Larry, this second check for a thousand dollars came close on the last one. I could not believe my eyes. I needed it so badly. One of our creditors was threatening to put a lien on the building. Your thousand dollars has quieted his screaming.

Men like Jimmy and yourself know what anxiety and worry means. Thank God for both of you, and may He bless and prosper you. It is so heartening to see now the tide is turning against your persecutors. You generally get back what you dish out, and by this standard you and Jimmy have a lot of blessings coming to you, and the rat pack which John Lewis refused to join will have a lot of trouble in their lives. I am free from the death of my heart, and when you see Jimmy, give him my kindest regards.

Yours so gratefully yours,

C. Dennis Clark, S. J.



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**FATHER DISMAS CLARK FOUNDATION
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Before the legs of Dismas were broken to hasten and make sure of his death, a great joy had come to him. As he said plainly, in the punishment of crucifixion he had reaped the just reward of his deeds. He had been a bad man — whatever the reasons were. But he acknowledged his responsibility and accepted the just punishment. No doubt few saw much good in him. To most men he was bad to the core.

But on his cross of shame and pain a ray of brightest light pierced his darkness. He saw a good man die and wished to share his goodness. "Remember me when thou shalt come into thy kingdom." And beyond his or anyone's hope had come the answer: "Amen, amen, I say to you, this day thou shalt be with me in Paradise."

From the day of Dismas to our own this story has been repeated in one form or another in the lives of men who have gone wrong. And it will be repeated till our mortality is swallowed up in life.

There are, will be, and have been bad men — men who are responsible for their crimes. But in all of them are hidden depths of goodness which, perhaps, only God can see.

Most good men and women fear the criminal, the convict. That is perfectly natural and perfectly just. But most good people likewise would wish to see the crooked made straight, would like to see the hidden good come forth into action. Honest men know that, as a saint has said, "There, but for the grace of God, go I."

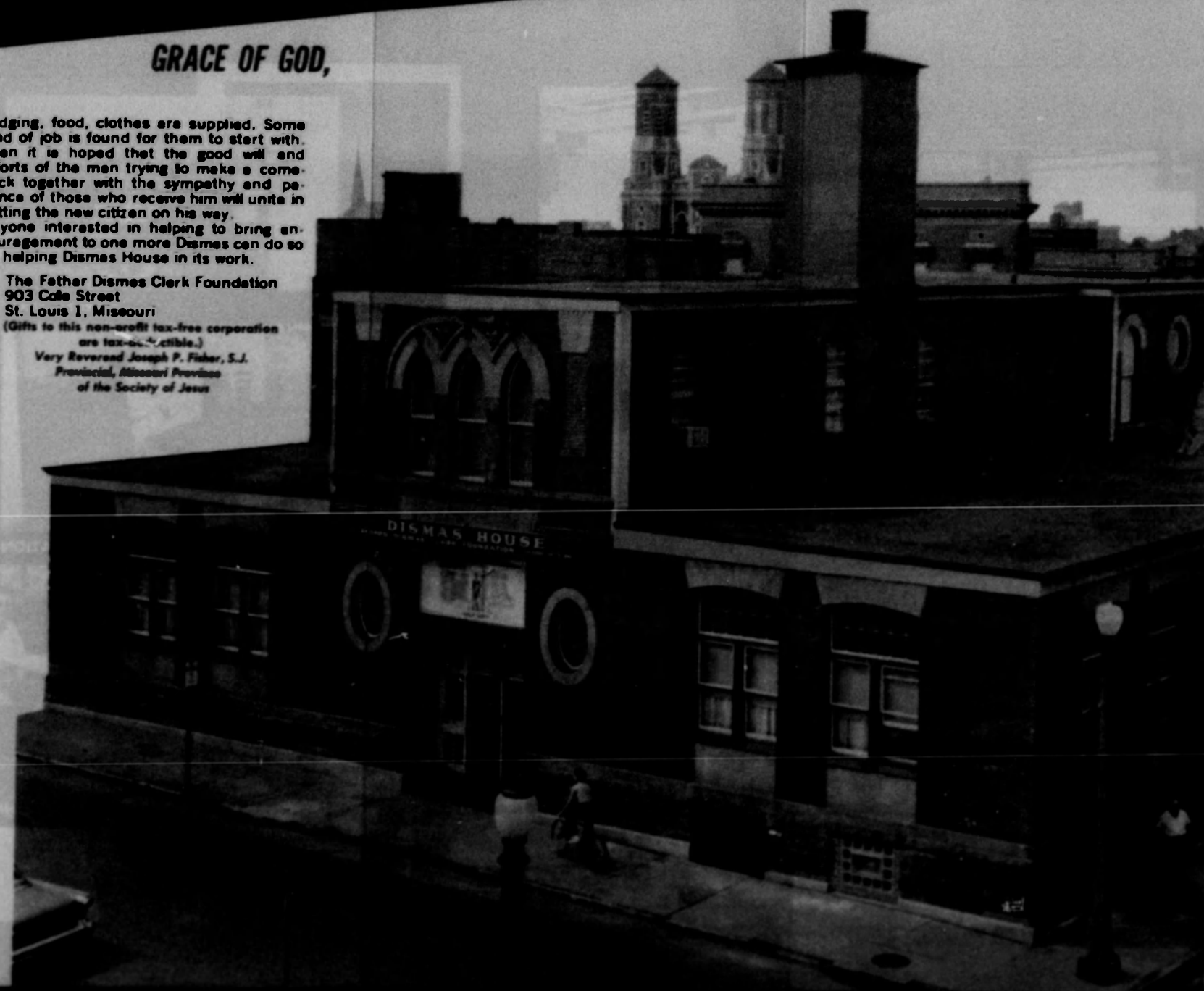
At Dismas House convicts are given help to make good. Only those are admitted who give sincere evidence of wanting to become useful members of society. Without the aid which Dismas House gives, the outcast from society often finds it practically impossible to find his way back into the circle of normal civil life.

Without money (he is given \$25 when he leaves prison), without other clothes than those on his back, often without relatives, without friends, without work, without, frequently enough, the art of living among normal men and women, it is tough to make a new start. Dismas House tries to give men of good will this start.

GRACE OF GOD,

Lodging, food, clothes are supplied. Some kind of job is found for them to start with. Then it is hoped that the good will and efforts of the men trying to make a comeback together with the sympathy and patience of those who receive him will unite in setting the new citizen on his way. Anyone interested in helping to bring encouragement to one more Dismas can do so by helping Dismas House in its work.

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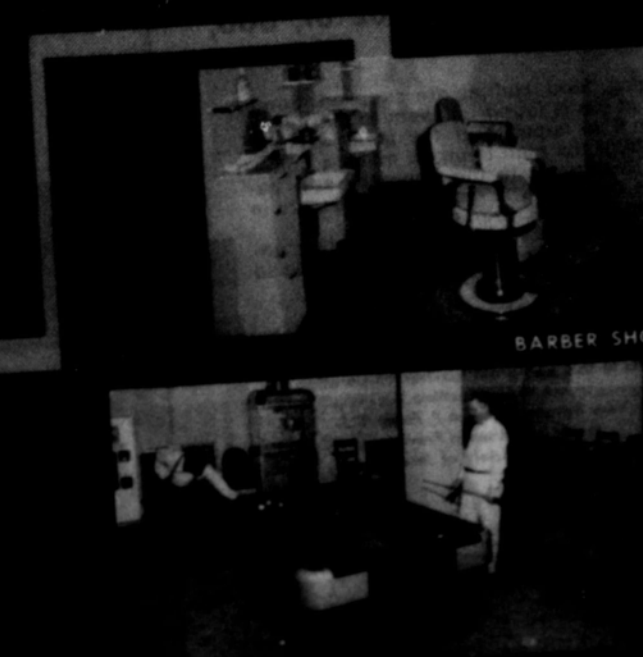
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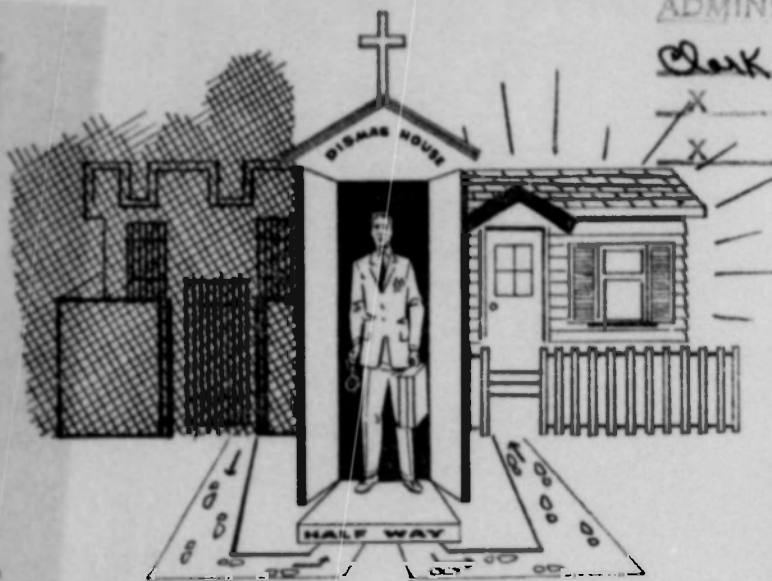
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May 13, 1960

The Hon. Harold Gibbons
Teamsters International Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

As you know on the 20th of May the big affair is to take place here in St. Louis and you and Jimmy have seen to it that we are being cut in. Harold, Ed Doreey and his co-chairman had a meeting of all of us beneficiaries and asked us to try to take a table of ten people. Harold, as you know, my only friends are the Teamsters. There is no other Union, except the one that gave us the \$100, who kept their promises--only you and Jimmy and Larry Steinberg of Toledo, and may God bless you forever for it. You have given me \$7,000 altogether. God love you.

Harold, I was wondering if you could find it in your budget to buy a table for Dismas House and count it as part of the big donation that you have promised and have nearly completed. If this letter is improper, please do not be angry at me. I do not think you will, because I believe you know me and for what I stand. I would like to bring my boys with me to the affair, but if it is to be super-duper I guess they wouldn't want my kind of people or maybe even me.

Please tell Jimmy that he is in my thoughts and prayers and affections constantly, and it does my heart good to see how he is being vindicated. It looks to me as though the people who tried to put the finger on him are going to be in jail themselves. I might have to bring them cigarettes given by the Teamsters. Wouldn't that be something?

Anyway, Harold, I will see you, I hope, on the 20th, and again may God bless and keep all you good men and preserve you from the wolves who want to attack you.

Gratefully and devotedly,

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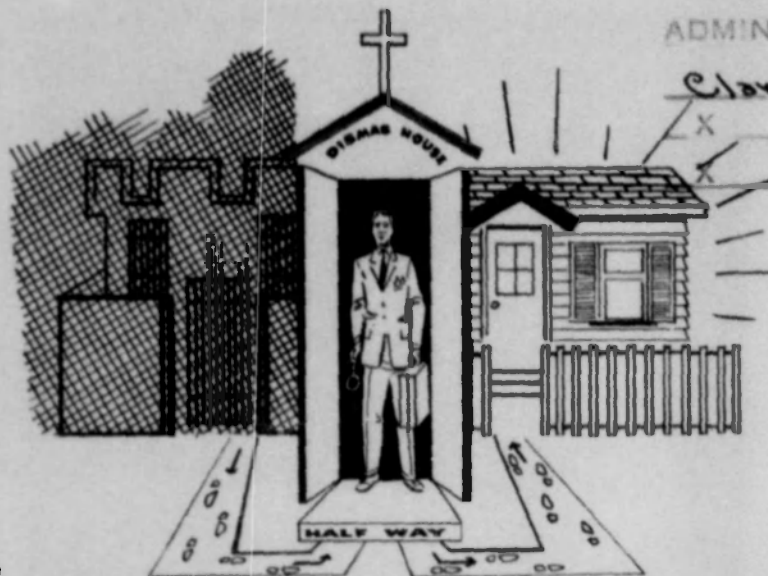
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April 4, 1960

The Hon. Harold Gibbons
Teamsters International Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

I called the other day, but you were gone, and when I asked if I could speak with Jimmy they let me through. He was magnificently kind as always, and he told me he would contact you. I got the check Saturday morning.

Harold I am including my letter to Jimmy, and what I say to him I say to you also.

Harold, Father Dowling died yesterday. He will be buried Wednesday. He was a friend of the helpless, and he loved the Teamsters, especially yourself.

Thanks, Harold, and God bless you.

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You are in my thoughts, my prayers, and in my heart all the time. I am sure that the almighty power of God will come to your rescue because you have come to the rescue of a poor person like myself and these poor helpless men.

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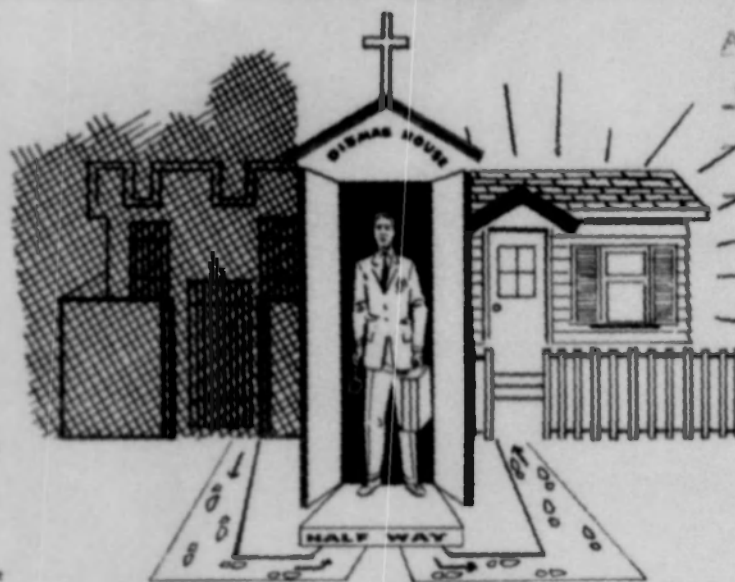
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February 25, 1960

Mr. Harold Gibbons
Asst. to Mr. James R. Hoffa
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

I am sorry to be bothering you all the time, but I wanted to write to you about a man who came to me the other day, a Mr. Lou Wallach, 1618 Lucas & Hunt Rd. St. Louis, Mo. He told me that he would employ at least ten of our men if he got on his feet. He came to see me with Rep. Bob Young. He asked me to say a good word for him to you, so this is the reason for this letter.

I hope you and Jimmy are holding up under the hard strain of these one-night stands. I think of you all the time. I do not know how on earth you stand it all. You have the only thing I can give--my prayers, and my constant explaining of your position to people.

You will enjoy hearing that I had to go to Milwaukee to give a talk, and if all people in the railroad station there whom I met but that young Kennedy. If it were legal I would have taken a crack at him. He looks like a high school boy. You will be interested to know that when he had given a talk to the high school boys that some of them asked him some very pointed questions. I think you and Jimmy are gaining ground. Please give my kindest regards to Jimmy. Tell him I think of him all the time and may God strengthen you both. And Harold, thank you for needling Don Musick. What on earth would I do without you. By the way Harold if you run in to Larry Steinberg, will you give him a shot in the arm for us. Thanks, Harold, for everything. God bless you and keep you.

Your devoted friend,
C. Dismas Clark, S.J.

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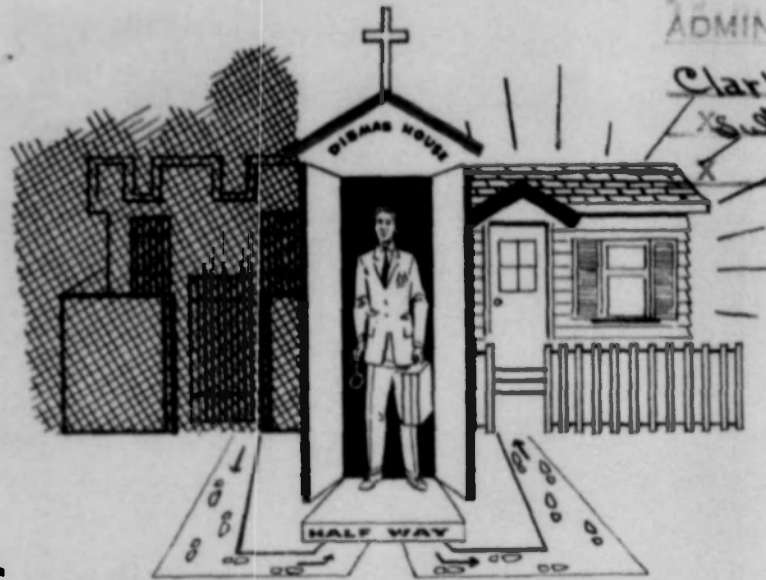
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February 12, 1960

Mr. Harold Gibbons
Vice-President,
International Union of Teamsters
Teamsters Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harold:

First of all I want to tell you that Pete sent me the \$1000 check. Believe me it is getting me over a hurdle. We are doing our best to get the pledges which were promised fulfilled. If there were only a few more people like you and Jimmy and Pete. Thank you, and please thank Jimmy for me again.

By the way, will you let me know somehow or other when Jimmy is going to have the national T-V half-hour to explain the Teamsters side of the question. I don't want to miss it.

Harold, I am enclosing a letter from Michigan which will please you. The man, Patrick J. Sullivan, in whom you are interested has been released. The poor fellow has cancer and through your good graces and interest he can die outside prison walls. Surely God must love you for all you do for us poor people.

Gratefully yours,

Dismas Clark, S.J.

C. Dismas Clark, S. J.

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February 8, 1960

C. Diemes Clark, S. J.
Father Disans Clark Foundation
903 Cale Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Father Clark:

Re: Patrick J. Sullivan, A-100304 J

This will acknowledge your letter of January 28, 1960 concerning
the above named.

Patrick is being released to the home of his sister and brother-in-law,
Mr. and Mrs. Pat W. Brown, 9 LaSalle Place, New Orleans, Louisiana
on Thursday, February 11, 1960.

We appreciate your interest and kind offer of assistance.

Very truly yours,

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

William F. Hardley
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Asst. Director in Charge of
Bureau of Pardons and Paroles

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N ovembar 9, 1959

Father C. Diemas Clark, S. J.
Fathar Diemas Clark Foundation
903 Cole Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Father Clark:

Thank you for your prompt raply of Novambar 5th regarding
my raquest la conseccion with Patrick J. Sullivan, as inmate
at Jechson, Michigan, prison. My latest information is
that this parson is very ill and must undergo surgery so that
you caesot expect much on this raquest for some time.

Agais, thanking you, I am

Fraternally yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Exacutive Assistant to the
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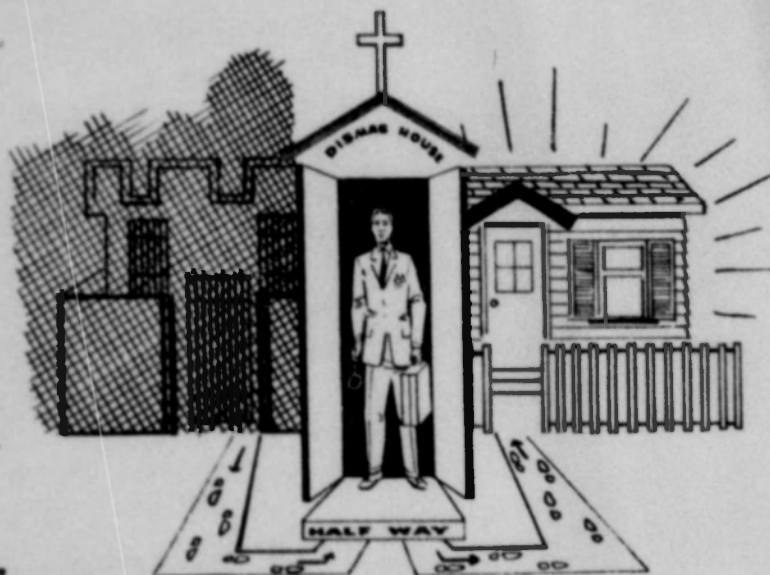
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903 COLLE STREET • ST. LOUIS 1, MISSOURI November 5, 1959

Mr. H. J. Gibbons
International Brotherhood of Teamsters
25 Louisiana Av. NW
Washington 1 D.C.

Dear Harold:

I was very happy to hear from and very privileged. Your wish, of course, is your command since I am so deeply grateful to you for so many kindness and for your always gracious assistance. Harold, my thought would be to try to get this man paroled to us here in St. Louis. I will give him a home at Dismas House and the employment would be no problem. All you would need to do is to make a telephone call and I know you would do it. Therefore I will write to the Michigan Parole Office and ask them to send Patrick J. Sullivan to Missouri. I will have to get the permission of the Missouri Parole Board to accept him, but I am in pretty solid with the Parole Board here in St. Louis and with the Chairman of the Parole Commission. I do not think I would have any trouble in getting them to accept Mr. Sullivan.

Harold, if the Michigan Parole Board refuses to accept this plan, I will contact a good friend of mine, a Jewish Rabbi who is the prison chaplain for all the Jewish people in the state and ask him to sponsor a parole which means, as you know, arranging for shelter, etc. The job as you mentioned would be forthcoming. So, Harold, I will try the first scheme right away. If I am refused then I will appeal to the Jewish Rabbi who, by the way, spent two or three days here, and among other investigations made a thorough study of Dismas House.

Harold, I hope with all my heart that some day you can drop in for just a minute to see Dismas House. I got a letter from Jimmy Hoffa, and he promised the next time he was in St. Louis, if at all possible, to come to see us.

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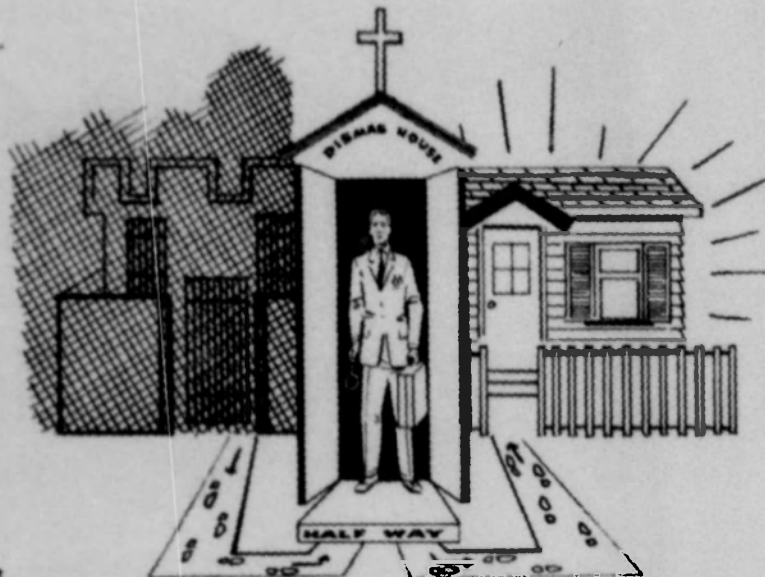
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Mr. H. J. Gibbons--2

With a thousand thanks for all your goodness and asking
the Almighty God to strengthen you good men to keep up the fight
for men who could be chewed up by certain vicious interests, and
with kindest personal regards, I remain

Gratefully yours in Christ,

D. Clark S.J.
C. Dismas Clark, S.J.

November 5, 1959

The Hon. Chairman,
Michigan Probation and Parole Office
c/o Capitol Bldg.
Lansing, Michigan

Dear Sir:

May I introduce myself as the director of Dismas House which is just getting under way here in St. Louis. It is a temporary home for recently released convicts where they find shelter, food, clothes, etc., and where we will have an employment agency which gets them jobs. These men stay at Dismas House until they have their first or second pay check or until the time they are able to provide a home for themselves approved by the Parole Board or by myself in the case of those who are not under parole supervision. I have been in this work for about twenty-two years, and now at last the dream of many years has materialized.

My reason for writing to you is to present a plea for Patrick J. Sullivan A-100304 J who is at your state penitentiary in Jackson. A very close friend of mine, one who has furnished hundreds of jobs to my poor men and has been a bulwark of strength to me personally has asked me to intercede for Patrick J. Sullivan.

I would like to assure you, dear Sir, that I am in no way trying to influence your judgment. I am well aware that you men in public life have to make decisions which are scrutinized from all sides, and so often, right or wrong, you are criticized. I would like to say that in my dealings with Parole Officers I have been impressed by their integrity and their desire to further the interest of these helpless men in every possible way they can.

Dear Sir, I would be very willing to give Mr. Sullivan a home in Dismas House, and I have the promise of a job which would pay him \$2.25 an hour doing warehouse work. The head of the union has arranged that he can go to work at once. I will keep him as long as he desires to stay at Dismas House and until he has sufficient funds

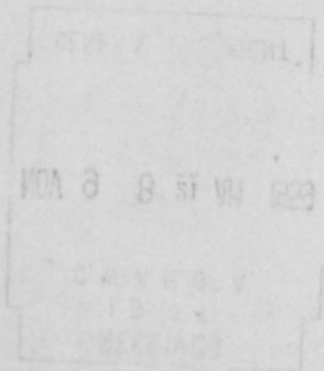
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Michigan Probation and Parole Board--2

to obtain lodging of his own choice with the approbation of the local Parole Officers. As a matter of fact twice a week one of the Parole Officers comes to Dieme House to interview the men who have been released on parole from the Michigan State Penitentiary.

I hope I have not overstepped the bounds of propriety and that I have in no way given the impression that I am trying to dictate a judgment which you alone can make. On the other hand I will be so grateful if you can help me to do a favor for this gentleman who has done so much for me and who never before has asked me to do anything in return.

Sincerely yours,

C. Dieme Clark
C. Dieme Clark, S. J.



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Clark, C. Dismas (Rev.)

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January 14, 1960

Father C. Dismas Clerk, S. J.
Father Dismas Clerk Foundation
903 Cole Street
St. Louis 1, Missouri

Dear Father Clerk:

Jim and I both received your very kind letter of January 7th.

Please know that President Hoffa was pleased with your comments as was I.

Sincerely yours,

H. J. Gibbons
Executive Assistant to the
General President

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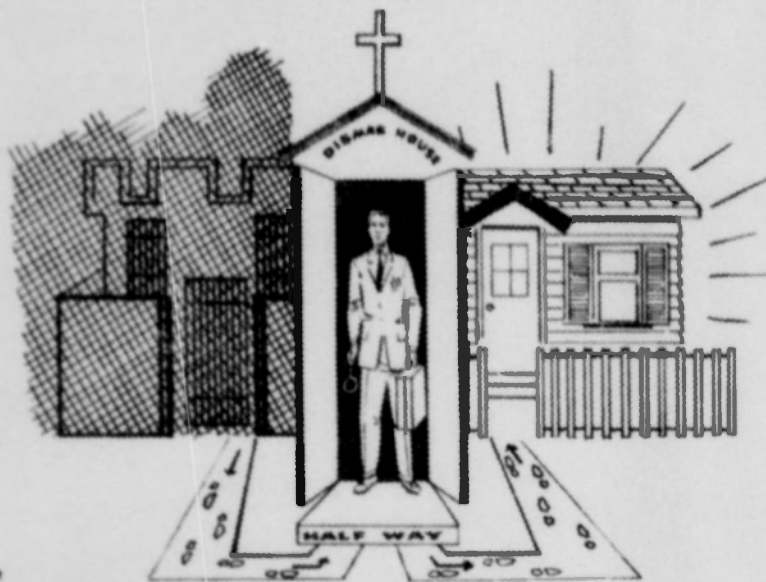
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January 7, 1960

Mr. James R. Hoffa,
Teamsters International Bldg.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jimmy:

It was Christmas Eve and I was just ready to go to the City Jail to spend that day as I always have done with the men unfortunate enough to be locked up at that time. A call came, and I was invited to come out to the Teamsters Hall for a little party. They said that Harold and Pete would be there. Well, Jimmy, I went over to the Jail and spent a few hours with the boys and then I went out to the party. It was perfect except for one thing, that you were absent--absent only in person; you were on everybody's lips.

And I could tell that they had something in store for me which was going to be wonderful. And so when I met Harold he gave me the \$5,000 check signed by you and himself. I felt like I had been hit by a Mack truck, but somehow I got down through the crowd and showed all of them your magnificent gift. They all shared my joy and happiness. Your ears must have burned for the many kind things that were said about you and your goodness to poor people like myself. So after a while I went back to the Jail and spent the rest of the day with the prisoners with the check close to my heart. It helped me to bring happiness to the prisoners because I was so happy myself.

Jimmy, you are really wonderful and your goodness to me is incredible. Ever since you visited Dismas House there have been many people inquiring about you and our relationship. I am so often cross-questioned by people who heard that you spent several hours with us. They seem to doubt that this could be true. How could a man with your burdens and obligations take the time to approve of and second this work when ex-convicts have caused him

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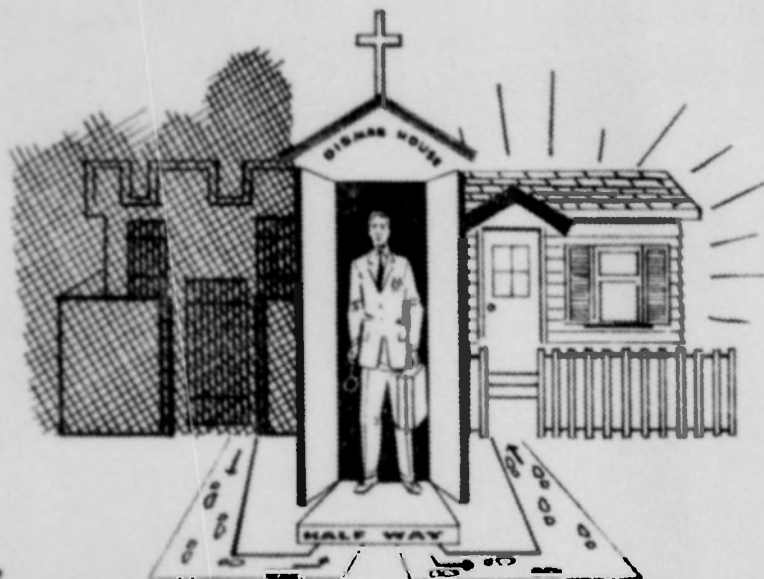
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so much trouble. Of course this gives me a big opportunity to tell them what I think of Jimmy Hoffa and how there could hardly be any other person in the world who would come to the rescue of a person like myself and the ex-convicts I am trying to help when people like myself and my people have been such a source of worry and trouble to you. I think that many people are beginning to understand what you stand for and what your real purpose in life is. It seems that the wind of disapproval is shifting to approval, thanks be to God.

I am looking forward to seeing you in Toledo on January 30. Mr. Steinberg has written to find out when I shall be arriving, etc.

Jimmy, I tried to call you long distance right after I got the check from Harold, but we never did succeed in making connections. Believe me, I am grateful and I do not know how to express the deep deep gratitude in my heart. May God bless you and keep you always.

Your devoted and grateful friend,

Dismas Clark, S.J.

C. Dismas Clark, S. J.

P.S. Jimmy, Mr. Isbell told me how interested your good wife is in our project and about her great devotion to St. Jude, etc. I am enclosing a letter to her because I want her to pray to St. Dismas for us. Would you be good enough to give her this letter.